

A Bill for an Act Relating to Commercial Driver Licensing.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:*

SECTION 1. Chapter 286, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to part XIII to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

**“§286- Reactivation of expired commercial driver’s license; fees; road test waived.** (a) Unless revoked or suspended, and except as provided in subsection (b), any commercial driver’s license that has expired under section 286-239 may be reactivated by the licensee in accordance with the requirements and procedures set forth for the renewal of commercial drivers’ licenses under section 286-239(h). No person seeking reactivation of an expired commercial driver’s license under this subsection shall be required to undergo reexamination of the person’s driving skills under section 286-236. The examiner of drivers shall require the holder of an expired commercial driver’s license to pay a reactivation fee of \$5 for each thirty-day period, or fraction thereof, that has elapsed after a ninety-day grace period.

(b) Any commercial driver’s license not reactivated under subsection (a) within one year of the indicated date of expiration shall be invalid. The examiner of drivers shall examine an applicant whose commercial driver’s license has been declared invalid under this subsection in accordance with the licensing procedures established under sections 286-236, 286-238, and 286-239.”

SECTION 2. Section 286-239, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsections (g) and (h) to read as follows:

“(g) An initial commercial driver’s license shall be valid for not less than a two- or [four-year] six-year period, beginning on the driver’s birthday. Renewal licenses shall be valid for not more than a two- or [four-year] six-year period from the expiration date of the previous valid license. The commercial driver’s license shall expire on the next birthday of the licensee occurring [four] six years after the date of issuance of the license unless sooner revoked, suspended, or canceled; provided that, unless sooner revoked, the license shall expire on the second birthday of the licensee following the issuance of the license if at that time the licensee is [sixty-five] seventy-two years of age or older.

(h) When applying for renewal of a commercial driver’s license, the applicant shall complete the application form required by section 286-238, providing updated information and required certifications[, and pass a knowledge test approved by the director]. If the applicant desires to retain a hazardous materials endorsement, the knowledge test for a hazardous materials endorsement shall also be taken and passed.”

SECTION 3. This Act does not affect commercial driver licenses which were issued or renewed before its effective date, which shall expire on the date indicated on the face of the license.

SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New statutory material is underscored.<sup>1</sup>

**SECTION 5.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved May 26, 1998.)

**Note**

1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.