

CHAPTER 71 , Laws of 1981

AN ACT to renumber 343.12 (3); to amend 343.12 (2) (a), 343.20 (1) and 343.21 (1) (b), (c) and (g); to repeal and recreate 343.20 (1) and 343.21 (1) (b) and (c); and to create 343.12 (3) and 343.21 (1) (bm) and (cm) of the statutes, relating to permitting persons over 70 years of age to obtain a school bus operators license.

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. 343.12 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

343.12 (2) (a) Is Subject to sub. (3), is at least 18 years and not more than 70 years of age.

SECTION 2. 343.12 (3) of the statutes is renumbered 343.12 (4).

SECTION 3. 343.12 (3) of the statutes is created to read:

343.12 (3) The department may issue a school bus operator's license to a person who is more than 70 years of age if the person meets the requirements specified in sub. (2) (c) to (f) and (h) and annually takes and passes a physical examination prior to issuance or renewal of the license to determine that the person meets the physical standards established under sub. (2) (g).

SECTION 4. 343.20 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

343.20 (1) Except as otherwise expressly provided in this chapter, chauffeur's licenses and school bus operator's licenses issued under s. 343.12 (3) shall expire one year after the date of issuance and other licenses shall expire 2 years after the date of issuance, but the department may institute any system of license renewals which it deems advisable for the purpose of gaining a uniform rate of renewals and, in order to put such system into operation, may issue original licenses which are valid for any fraction of a year in excess of the ordinary effective period of such license and may issue a renewal operator's license from an application made after expiration of the previous license which may be valid for 2 years from the date of expiration of such the previous license.

SECTION 5. 343.20 (1) of the statutes, as affected by chapter .... (this act), laws of 1981, is repealed and recreated to read:

343.20 (1) Except as otherwise expressly provided in this chapter, chauffeur's licenses and school bus operator's licenses issued under s. 343.12 (3) shall expire one year after the date of issuance, original licenses, school bus operator's licenses and reinstated licenses shall expire 2 years after the date of issuance and other licenses shall expire 4 years after the date of issuance. The department may institute any system of license renewals which it deems advisable for the purpose of gaining a uniform rate of renewals. In order to put such a system into operation, the department may issue original licenses which are valid for any fraction of a year in excess of the ordinary effective period of such license and may issue a renewal operator's license from an application made after expiration of the previous license which shall expire 4 years after the date of expiration of such previous license.

SECTION 6. 343.21 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

343.21 (1) (b) For the issuance of a license, other than a school bus operator's license issued under s. 343.12 (3) or a chauffeur's license, to a person not previously licensed in this state or previously licensed only under s. 343.08, \$6.50. No fee shall may be charged for issuance of a restricted license under s. 343.08.

SECTION 7. 343.21 (1) (b) of the statutes, as affected by chapter .... (this act), laws of 1981, is repealed and recreated to read:

343.21 (1) (b) For the issuance of an original license, other than a chauffeur's license, \$9; for an original school bus operator's license other than a school bus operator's license issued under s. 343.12 (3), \$6.50. No fee may be charged for issuance of a restricted license under s. 343.08.

SECTION 8. 343.21 (1) (bm) of the statutes is created to read:

343.21 (1) (bm) For the issuance of an original school bus operator's license under s. 343.12 (3), \$3.25.

SECTION 9. 343.21 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

343.21 (1) (c) For the renewal of a license other than a school bus operator's license under s. 343.12 (3), \$4.

SECTION 10. 343.21 (1) (c) of the statutes, as affected by chapter .... (this act), laws of 1981, is repealed and recreated to read:

343.21 (1) (c) For the renewal of a license, \$9, except that \$4 shall be charged for renewal of a chauffeur's license and \$4 for renewal of a school bus operator's license other than a school bus operator's license under s. 343.12 (3).

SECTION 11. 343.21 (1) (cm) of the statutes is created to read:

343.21 (1) (cm) For renewal of a school bus operator's license issued under s. 343.12 (3), \$2.

SECTION 12. 343.21 (1) (g) of the statutes is amended to read:

343.21 (1) (g) In addition to the fees set for the issuance of the licenses enumerated under pars. (b), (ba), (bm) and (e), there shall be paid to the department an examination fee of \$5. Payment of the examination fee entitles the applicant to not more than 3 tests of the applicant's ability to exercise reasonable control in the operation of a motor vehicle. If the applicant does not qualify for issuance of a license in 3 such tests, then a 2nd examination fee of \$5 shall be paid, which payment entitles the applicant to not more than 3 additional tests.

SECTION 13. **Effective date.** The treatment of section 343.20 (1) of the statutes by SECTION 5 of this act, section 343.21 (1) (b) of the statutes by SECTION 7 of this act and 343.21 (1) (c) of the statutes by SECTION 10 of this act takes effect January 1, 1982.

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