

CHAPTER 149  
SB 62 – FINAL VERSION

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SENATE BILL       **62**

AN ACT           relative to drivers' licenses for persons without a permanent address.

SPONSORS:       Sen. Kelly, Dist 10; Sen. Feltes, Dist 15; Sen. Fuller Clark, Dist 21; Sen. Lasky,  
Dist 13; Sen. Soucy, Dist 18; Sen. Watters, Dist 4

COMMITTEE:      Transportation

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ANALYSIS

This bill allows persons without a permanent address to apply for drivers' licenses in the same manner as they are allowed to apply to register motor vehicles.

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Explanation:     Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
                  Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through.~~]  
                  Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fifteen*

AN ACT                   relative to drivers' licenses for persons without a permanent address.

*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1           149:1 New Section; Application by Residents Without a Permanent Street Address. Amend RSA  
2 263 by inserting after section 5-e the following new section:

3           263:5-f Application by Residents Without a Permanent Street Address.

4           I. A resident who is homeless without a permanent street address at the time of application  
5 for a driver's license or license renewal may obtain a driver's license, if otherwise qualified, by  
6 certifying to the department in writing that he or she is currently a resident in a certain town or city  
7 in New Hampshire and by providing a letter signed by an authorized representative of a social  
8 service organization or agency qualified under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code stating  
9 that the person is authorized to use the address of the organization or agency for purposes of contact  
10 by the department. A license issued under this section shall expire one year from the date of  
11 issuance.

12           II. A certification of current residency and a current letter authorizing the use of the address  
13 of a qualified social service agency or organization shall be submitted to the department in  
14 connection with every license issued under this section. The director shall provide the form on which  
15 the certification is made.

16           III. Residency for the purposes of this section shall be defined as the expressed intention to  
17 continue to reside in the municipality.

18           149:2 License Expiration. Amend RSA 263:10, I to read as follows:

19           I. Except as provided in ***RSA 263:5-f, I***, RSA 263:14, and RSA 263:39-a, III, all licenses shall  
20 expire on the fifth anniversary of the license holder's date of birth following the date of issuance. The  
21 department shall notify each holder of a license by mail addressed to the holder's last known  
22 address, or, if the license holder has so elected, by electronic, telephonic, or other means, 30 days  
23 prior to the expiration date thereof of a place and time when he or she shall appear for the issuance  
24 of a new license and any availability of electronic license renewal.

25           149:3 License Fees. Amend RSA 263:42, I to read as follows:

26           I. For each original driver's license and examination or driver's license renewal, other than  
27 for a commercial vehicle or motorcycle- \$50; ***for each license issued under RSA 263:5-f- \$10***; for  
28 each youth operator's license and examination- \$10 per year, not to exceed \$50; for each license  
29 issued to a nonresident alien for less than 5 years- \$10 per year or portion thereof; for each original

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1 commercial driver license and examination or commercial driver license renewal- \$60; for each  
2 commercial driver license reexamination in a one-year period- \$20; for each commercial vehicle  
3 endorsement, renewal of an endorsement, or removal of a restriction- \$10; for each special motorcycle  
4 original license and examination or special motorcycle license renewal- \$50; for each original  
5 motorcycle endorsement- \$25; for each 3-wheeled motorcycle endorsement- \$25; for each motorcycle  
6 endorsement and 3-wheeled motorcycle endorsement renewal- no charge. For each original driver's  
7 license issued, \$5 shall be credited to the driver training fund established by RSA 263:52. Except as  
8 provided in ***RSA 263:5-f, I***, RSA 263:14, and RSA 263:39-a, III, every license shall expire on the  
9 licensee's birthdate in the fifth year following the issuance of such license. No fee collected under  
10 this paragraph shall be refunded once an examination has been taken or a license issued, except as  
11 provided in RSA 263:43.

12 149:4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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14 Approved: June 12, 2015

15 Effective Date: August 11, 2015