

## House Bill 84 (Katie's Law)

House Bill 84, also referred to as Katie's Law, was authored by Representative Dan Branch and signed into law by Governor Perry to be effective September 1, 2007. Katie's Law affects the issuance of a driver license, or CDL, to applicants 85 years of age and older. In addition, this bill eliminates the opportunity for renewal by mail, internet or telephone to applicants who are 79 years of age or older.

House Bill 84 **does not require applicants 85 years of age or older to automatically take a skills test upon renewal.** However, if there is a concern regarding the applicant's ability to safely operate a motor vehicle, as determined through the observation and/or interview by a Driver License employee, the applicant may be reexamined.

House Bill 84 also changes the expiration date and fee for persons 85 years of age or older.

### Applicants 79 years of age or older:

- Office visit is required to renew driver license.
- Must pass the standard vision exam.
- Six year expiration date will be issued to individuals 79 to 84 years of age.
- The fee is still \$24.00 for DL's and \$60.00 for CDL's.
- Appropriate statutory fees for individuals with a motorcycle endorsement are still required in full.
- Applicants registering under the provisions of Chapter 62, CCP must still meet the annual expiration date requirements and pay a \$20.00 fee.

### Applicants 85 years of age or older:

#### Original DL or CDL

- Expires on the second birthday after the date of issuance.
- Must pass the standard vision exam.
- The fee is \$8.00 for DL's and \$25.00 for CDL's.
- Appropriate statutory fees for individuals with a motorcycle endorsement are still required in full regardless of the two year expiration date.
- Applicants registering under the provisions of Chapter 62, CCP, must still meet the annual expiration date requirements and pay a \$20.00 fee.

#### Renewal DL or CDL

- Office visit is required to renew driver license.
- Must pass the standard vision exam.
- Expires two years from the next date of birth if unexpired, otherwise two years from the last birth date.
- The fee is \$8.00 for DL's and \$25.00 for CDL's. (pass vision exam)
- Appropriate statutory fees for individuals with a motorcycle endorsement are still required in full regardless of the two year expiration date.
- Applicants registering under the provisions of Chapter 62, CCP, must still meet the annual expiration date requirements and pay a \$20.00 fee.