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23 V.S.A. § 601	<p>§ 601. LICENSE REQUIRED</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(b)(1)(A) All operator’s licenses issued under this chapter shall expire, unless earlier cancelled, at midnight on the eve of the second or fourth anniversary of the date of birth of the license holder following eight years after the date of issue. Renewed licenses shall expire at midnight on the eve of the second or fourth anniversary of the date of birth of the license holder following the date the renewed license expired eight years after the date the renewed license is issued.</p> <p>(B) On or before July 1, 2029, an individual holding an operator’s licenses that is valid until the individual’s second or fourth date of birth following the date of issue may exchange that license for an operator’s license that will expire at midnight eight years after the date on which the original license was issued. The fee for an operator’s license obtained pursuant to an exchange under the provisions of this subdivision (1) shall be \$85.00 if a two-year operator’s license was exchanged and \$62.00 if a four-year operator’s license was exchanged.</p> <p>(2) All junior operator’s licenses shall expire, unless earlier cancelled, at midnight on the eve of the second anniversary of the date of birth of the license holder following the date of issue.</p> <p>(3) A person born on February 29 shall, for the purposes of this section, be considered as born on March 1.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p>	
23 V.S.A. § 603	<p>§ 603. APPLICATION FOR AND ISSUANCE OF LICENSE</p> <p>(a)(1) The Commissioner or his or her <u>the Commissioner’s</u> authorized agent may license operators and junior operators when an application, on a form prescribed by the Commissioner, signed and sworn to by the applicant for the license, is filed with him or her <u>the Commissioner</u>, accompanied by the required license fee and any valid license from another state or Canadian jurisdiction is surrendered.</p> <p>(2) The Commissioner may, however, in his or her <u>the Commissioner’s</u> discretion, refuse to issue a license to any person applicant whenever he or she <u>the Commissioner</u> is satisfied from information given him or her <u>the Commissioner</u> by credible persons, and upon investigation, that the person applicant is mentally or physically unfit or, because of his or her <u>the individual’s</u> habits or record as to crashes or convictions, is unsafe to be trusted with the operation of motor vehicles. A person <u>An applicant</u> refused a license under the provisions of this subsection shall be entitled to hearing as provided in sections 105–107 of this title.</p> <p>(3) Any new or renewal application form shall include a space for the applicant to request that a “veteran” designation be placed on his or her <u>the applicant’s</u> license certificate. An applicant who requests the designation shall provide a Department of Defense Form 214 or other proof of veteran status specified by the Commissioner.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(d) Except as provided in subsection (e) of this section:</p> <p>(1) A <u>An applicant who is a citizen of a foreign country shall produce</u> his or her <u>the applicant’s</u> passport and visa, alien registration receipt card (green card), or other proof of legal presence for inspection and copying as a part of the application process for an operator’s license, junior operator’s license, or learner’s permit.</p>	

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	<p>(2) An operator's license, junior operator's license, or learner's permit issued to <u>an applicant who is</u> a citizen of a foreign country shall expire coincidentally with his or her <u>the applicant's</u> authorized duration of stay.</p> <p>(e)(1) A citizen of a foreign country unable to establish legal presence in the United States who furnishes reliable proof of Vermont residence and of name, date of birth, and place of birth, and who satisfies all other requirements of this chapter for obtaining a license or permit, shall be eligible to obtain an operator's privilege card, a junior operator's privilege card, or a learner's privilege card.</p> <p>(2) The Commissioner shall require applicants under this subsection to furnish a document or a combination of documents that reliably proves the applicant's name, date of birth, and place of birth. The Commissioner may prescribe the documents or combination of documents that meets these criteria. However, the Commissioner shall accept a combination of two or more of the following documents to establish the name, date of birth, and place of birth of an applicant:</p> <p>(A) a valid foreign passport, with or without a U.S. Customs and Border Protection entry form or stamp;</p> <p>(B) a valid consular identification document issued by the government of Mexico or of Guatemala or by any other government with comparable security standards and protocols, as determined by the Commissioner; and</p> <p>(C) a certified record of the applicant's birth, marriage, adoption, or divorce, including a translation if necessary.</p> <p>(3) The Commissioner shall require applicants under this subsection to furnish a document or a combination of documents that reliably proves the applicant's Vermont residence. The Commissioner may prescribe the documents or combination of documents that meets these criteria. However, the Commissioner shall accept the following combinations of documents as proof of Vermont residence:</p> <p>(A)(i) two pieces of mail received by the applicant within the prior 30 days with the applicant's current name and residential Vermont address; and</p> <p>(ii) at least one of the documents specified in subdivision (B) of this subdivision (3);</p> <p>or</p> <p>(B) two of the following that show name and residential Vermont address:</p> <p>(i) a vehicle title or registration;</p> <p>(ii) a document issued by a financial institution, such as a bank statement;</p> <p>(iii) a document issued by an insurance company or agent, such as an insurance card, binder, or bill;</p> <p>(iv) a document issued by an educational institution, such as a transcript, report card, or enrollment confirmation;</p> <p>(v) federal tax documents, such as W-2 or 1099 forms;</p> <p>(vi) State tax documents, such as an IN-111; and</p> <p>(vii) medical health records, receipts, or bills.</p> <p>(f) Persons <u>Applicant's</u> able to establish lawful presence in the United States but who otherwise fail to comply with the requirements of the REAL ID Act of 2005, Pub. L. No. 109-13, §§ 201–202, shall be eligible for an operator's privilege card, a junior operator's privilege card, or a learner's privilege card, provided the applicant furnishes reliable proof of Vermont residence and of name, date of birth, and place of birth, and satisfies all other requirements of this chapter</p>	
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	<p>for obtaining a license or permit. The Commissioner shall require applicants under this subsection to furnish a document or a combination of documents that reliably proves the applicant's Vermont residence and his or her <u>the applicant's</u> name, date of birth, and place of birth.</p> <p align="center">* * *</p> <p>(h) A privilege card issued under this section shall:</p> <p>(1) on its face bear the phrase "privilege card" <u>"non-Real ID"</u> and text indicating that it is not valid for federal identification or official purposes; and</p> <p>(2) expire at midnight on the eve of the second birthday of the applicant following eight years after the date of issuance or, at the option of an applicant for an operator's privilege card and upon payment of the required four year fee, at midnight on the eve of the fourth birthday of the applicant following the date of issuance.</p> <p align="center">* * *</p> <p><u>(j) On or before July 1, 2029, an individual holding a privilege card under this section that is valid until the individual's second or fourth date of birth following the date of issue may exchange that license for a privilege card that will expire at midnight eight years after the date on which the privilege card was issued. The fee for a privilege card obtained pursuant to an exchange under the provisions of this subsection shall be \$85.00 if a two-year privilege card was exchanged and \$62.00 if a four-year privilege card was exchanged.</u></p>	
<p>23 V.S.A § 604</p>		<p><u>§ 604. EARLY RENEWAL</u></p> <p><u>(a) The holder of an operator's license or privilege card issued under the provisions of this subchapter may renew the operator's license or privilege card at any time prior to the expiration of the operator's license or privilege card. If one or more years remain before the expiration of the operator's license or privilege card, the Commissioner shall reduce the cost of the renewed operator's license or privilege card by an amount that is proportionate to the number of years rounded down to the next whole year remaining before the expiration of the operator's license or privilege card.</u></p> <p><u>(b) All application and documentation requirements for the renewal of an operator's license or privilege card shall apply to the early renewal of an operator's license or privilege card.</u></p>
<p>23 V.S.A. § 608</p>	<p>§ 608. FEES</p> <p>(a)(1) The four-year fee required to be paid the Commissioner for licensing an operator of motor vehicles or for issuing an operator's privilege card shall be \$62.00. The two-year fee required to be paid the Commissioner for licensing an operator or for issuing an operator's privilege card shall be \$39.00. The eight-year fee required to be paid the Commissioner for licensing an operator of motor vehicles or for issuing an operator's privilege card shall be \$124.00, and the two-year fee for licensing a junior operator or for issuing a junior operator's privilege card shall be \$39.00.</p> <p><u>(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection:</u></p> <p><u>(A) for an individual whose household income is less than 150 percent of the Federal Poverty Level, the eight-year fee required to be paid the Commissioner for licensing an operator of motor vehicles or for issuing an operator's privilege card shall be \$0.00; and</u></p>	

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	<p><u>(B) for an individual whose household income is less than 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Level, the eight-year fee required to be paid the Commissioner for licensing an operator of motor vehicles or for issuing an operator’s privilege card shall be \$62.00.</u></p> <p>(b)(1) An additional fee of \$4.00 per year shall be paid for a motorcycle endorsement. The endorsement may be obtained for either a two-year or four-year <u>an eight-year</u> period, to be coincidental with the length of the operator’s license.</p> <p><u>(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection:</u></p> <p><u>(A) for an individual whose household income is less than 150 percent of the Federal Poverty Level, the additional fee for a motorcycle endorsement shall be \$0.00 per year; and</u></p> <p><u>(B) for an individual whose household income is less than 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Level, the additional fee for a motorcycle endorsement shall be \$2.00 per year.</u></p>	
	<p>§ 115. NONDRIVER IDENTIFICATION CARDS * * *</p> <p>(b)(1) Every identification card shall expire, unless earlier canceled, at 12:00 midnight on the eve of the fourth anniversary of the date of birth of the cardholder following <u>eight years after</u> the date of original issue and may be renewed every four <u>eight</u> years upon payment of a \$29.00 fee.</p> <p><u>(2) A renewed identification card shall expire, unless earlier canceled, at 12:00 midnight on the eve of the fourth anniversary of the date of birth of the cardholder following eight years after</u> the expiration of the card being renewed.</p> <p><u>(3) At least 30 days before an identification card will expire, the Commissioner shall mail first-class to the cardholder or send the cardholder electronically an application to renew the identification card; a cardholder shall be sent the renewal notice by mail unless the cardholder opts in to receive electronic notification.</u></p> <p><u>(4) On or before July 1, 2029, an individual holding an identification card that is valid until the individual’s fourth date of birth following the date of issue may exchange that identification card for an identification card that will expire eight years after the date on which the original identification card was issued. There shall be no fee to exchange a four-year identification card for an eight-year identification card pursuant to the provisions of this subdivision.</u></p> <p><u>(5) An individual born on February 29 shall, for the purposes of this section, be considered as born on March 1.</u></p> <p align="center">* * *</p> <p>(1)(1) The Commissioner shall issue identification cards to Vermont residents who are not U.S. citizens but are able to establish lawful presence in the United States if an applicant follows the procedures and furnishes documents as required under subsection 603(d) of this title and any applicable policies or adopted rules, and otherwise satisfies the requirements of this section. The identification cards shall expire consistent with subsection 603(d) of this title.</p> <p>(2) The Commissioner shall issue non-REAL ID compliant identification cards to Vermont residents unable to establish lawful presence in the United States if an applicant follows the procedures and furnishes documents as required under subsection 603(e) of this title and any applicable policies or adopted rules, and otherwise satisfies the requirements of this section.</p> <p>(3) The Commissioner shall issue non-REAL ID compliant identification cards to Vermont residents able to establish lawful presence in the United States but who otherwise fail to comply with the requirements of the REAL ID Act of 2005, Pub. L. No. 109-13, §§ 201–202, if the applicant follows the procedures and furnishes documents as required under subsection 603(f) of</p>	

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	<p>this title and any applicable policies or adopted rules, and otherwise satisfies the requirements of this section.</p> <p>(4) A non-REAL ID compliant identification card issued under subdivision (2) or (3) of this subsection shall bear on its face text indicating that it is not valid for federal identification or official purposes.</p> <p align="center">* * *</p>	
<p>23 V.S.A. § 115b</p>		<p>§ 115b. EARLY RENEWAL</p> <p><u>(a) The holder of nondriver identification card issued under the provisions of section 115 of this chapter may renew the nondriver identification card at any time prior to the expiration of the nondriver identification card. If one or more years remain before the expiration of the nondriver identification card, the Commissioner shall reduce the cost of the renewed nondriver identification card by an amount that is proportionate to the number of years rounded down to the next whole year remaining before the expiration of the nondriver identification card.</u></p> <p><u>(b) All application and documentation requirements for the renewal of a nondriver identification card pursuant to section 115 of this chapter shall apply to the early renewal of a nondriver identification card.</u></p>
<p>INTENT; REPORT</p>	<p><u>(a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that:</u></p> <p><u>(1) individuals be able to obtain an operator’s license, privilege card, or nondriver identification that accurately reflects the individual’s full, legal name, including individuals with multiple first or last names, or whose names contain special characters; and</u></p> <p><u>(2) unhoused individuals and individuals without a permanent residence be able to obtain an operator’s license, privilege card, or nondriver identification.</u></p> <p><u>(b) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall, on or before December 31, 2025, report to the House and Senate Committees on Transportation regarding:</u></p> <p><u>(1) the Department’s ability to issue operator’s licenses, privilege cards, and nondriver identification cards that accurately reflect the holder’s full, legal name;</u></p> <p><u>(2) any technological, practical, or legal impediments that prevent the Department from issuing operator’s licenses, privilege cards, and nondriver identification cards that accurately reflect the holder’s full, legal name;</u></p> <p><u>(3) any measures necessary to address the impediments identified pursuant to subdivision (2) of this subsection;</u></p> <p><u>(4) legal and practical issues that prevent or limit the Department’s ability to issue operator’s licenses, privilege cards, and nondriver identifications to individuals who are unhoused or who lack a permanent residence;</u></p> <p><u>(5) a proposed process to enable the Department to issue operator’s licenses, privilege cards, and nondriver identifications to individuals who are unhoused or who lack a permanent residence; and</u></p> <p><u>(6) any legislative action necessary to implement the process described pursuant to subdivision (5) of this subsection.</u></p>	
<p>OUTREACH</p>	<p><u>(a) On or before November 15, 2025, the Department of Motor Vehicles shall develop and implement a public education and outreach campaign to inform Vermont residents about:</u></p> <p><u>(1) an individual’s rights to obtain an operator’s license, privilege card, or nondriver identification card;</u></p>	

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	<p><u>(2) the ability to obtain an operator’s license, privilege card, or nondriver identification card that expires eight years after the date of issue;</u></p> <p><u>(3) an individual’s rights to self-attest with respect to the gender marker on the individual’s operator’s license, privilege card, or nondriver identification card; and</u></p> <p><u>(4) reduced fees and fee waivers that are available to households that meet certain income thresholds.</u></p> <p><u>(b) The education and outreach campaign shall include printed materials and public service announcements on television, radio, internet, and social media.</u></p> <p><u>(c) Public service announcements created for the education and outreach campaign shall be in both English and Spanish. Printed materials created for the education and outreach campaign shall be in English, Spanish, and the next eight most commonly spoken languages in Vermont.</u></p>	
<p>INFORMATION REGARDING PRIVILEGE CARDS AND NONDRIVER IDENTIFICATION CARDS; INTENT</p>		<p><u>It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall ensure that any individual who is unable to or does not wish to comply with the requirements of the REAL ID Act of 2005, Pub. L. No. 109-13, §§ 201-202 shall be informed of the option of obtaining an operator’s privilege card pursuant to the provisions of 23 V.S.A. § 603(f) or a nondriver identification card pursuant to the provisions of 23 V.S.A. § 115.</u></p>