

# Fwd: Expired Driver's License/Registration

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to madcm@googlegroups.com, Alderson, Louise

Please read below in regard to expired license/registration bills. You will find that a bill passed in the Senate extending the expiration up to 3/21/2021. I think this answers the question we were trying to answer.

Thank you to Judge Alderson for forwarding this on to me.

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Region II District Chief Judges, District Court Judges, and District Court Administrators,

Below is information from Trial Court Services which you may find useful.

As you may know, Court Services has received several questions regarding the expiration of a driver's license and registration. Legislation was passed earlier in 2020 that extended the expiration of driver's licenses and registrations to December 11, 2020. Additional bills were introduced in the legislature to extend the expiration even further until March 31, 2021.

We were following a package of House Bills ([HB 5729](#), [5731](#), and [5735](#)). However, only HB 5735 dealing with enhanced driver's licenses and state IDs was adopted and became [2020 PA 374](#). We confirmed with SOS that the remainder of the bills were NOT passed; however, they issued a memo to branch offices indicating that it was their intention not to assess any late fees for renewal of any driver's license, registration, or enhanced driver's license that expired prior to March 31, 2021.

We reported this information to the Regional Administrators as well as to the Boards of several associations. Upon further discussion today with the MSP legislative liaison, it has come to our attention that while the house bills noted above did NOT pass, there were similar bills that DID PASS in the Senate. Accordingly, it is our understanding that [SB 73](#) (also known as [2020 PA 304](#)) **extends the expiration of driver's license and registration to March 31, 2021**. Apparently, when the house bills were not passed, the language regarding expiration was added to the Address Confidentiality Program bills.

Courts and law enforcement should be aware that this is the statutory authority that may prohibit an officer from issuing a citation for an expired license and/or registration and that courts should consider PA 304 when determining whether to find a person responsible.

Julia Norton, J.D.

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to Jonathan Morse, Alderson, Louise

Hi Laura.

We discussed this on Thursday with Bobbi Morrow, SCAO, David Hanson, SOS and Ken Sheckler, PAAM. Our conclusion wS that the bill was not signed for whatever reason. That although SOS is waving fees, the tickets are still valid and enforceable. Leaving it to Magistrates to waive fines or not.



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