House Bill 613 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Wix of the 33rd, Ehrhart of the 36th, and Lord of the 142nd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To amend Code Section 40-5-27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the examination of applicants for driver´s licenses, so as to change the renewal period of licenses for bioptic drivers from two to four years; to eliminate the need for a road test upon renewal; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 40-5-27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the examination of applicants for driver´s licenses, is amended by striking paragraph (4) of subsection (c) and replacing it with the following:

"(4) The user of a bioptic telescope shall require renewal of his or her license ~~biennially~~ every four years. ~~The~~ However, the person must be reevaluated at least biennially by an optometrist or ophthalmologist ~~and must biennially pass the driver´s road test examination administered by the department~~. A certification by the optometrist or ophthalmologist that the user´s visual acuity, visual field, and eye health remain stable shall be presented to the department at the time of the biennial ~~road test~~ eye examination. In the event that changes in vision are determined, the person´s license shall expire and the person must successfully repeat all of the steps described in subparagraphs (A) through (F) of paragraph (2) of this subsection in order to have his or her license reinstated. If no significant changes occur in the user´s vision at the second biennial examination in a license renewal cycle, the user´s license shall be renewed without the necessity of a road test examination or any further eyesight examination."

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2005.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.