

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2006 SESSION

CHAPTER 85

An Act to amend and reenact § 46.2-221.2 of the Code of Virginia, relating to extension of expiration of driver's licenses issued to persons in armed services or diplomatic service of the United States and their spouses and dependents.

[H 90]

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 46.2-221.2 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 46.2-221.2. Extension of expiration of driver's licenses issued to certain persons in armed services or diplomatic service of the United States.

Notwithstanding any contrary provision of law, any driver's license that is issued by the Department under Chapter 3 (§ 46.2-300 et seq.) of this title *to (i) a person serving outside the Commonwealth in the armed services of the United States, (ii) a person serving outside the Commonwealth as a member of the diplomatic service of the United States appointed under the Foreign Service Act of 1946, or (iii) a spouse or dependent accompanying any such member of the armed services or diplomatic service serving outside the Commonwealth* shall be held not to have expired during the period of the licensee's service outside the Commonwealth, in the armed services of the United States or as a member of the diplomatic service of the United States, appointed under the Foreign Service Act of 1946, serving outside the United States and 60 days thereafter. However, no extension granted under this section shall exceed ~~five~~ *three* years from the date of expiration shown on the individual's driver's license. The Department shall furnish any person whose driver's license is extended under this section documentary or other proof, when operating any motor vehicle, that he is entitled to the benefits of this section.

For the purposes of this section "service in the armed services of the United States" includes active duty service with the regular Armed Forces of the United States or the National Guard or other reserve component.