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HOUSE BILL NO. 2665

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 46.2-221.2 of the Code of Virginia, relating to extension of expiration of driver's licenses issued to certain persons in service to the United States government.

Patrons—Marsden and Sickles

Referred to Committee on Transportation

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 service to the United States government.

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, (iii) a civilian employee of the United States government or any agency or instrumentality thereof serving outside the United States, or (iii) (iv) a spouse or dependent accompanying any such member of the armed services or diplomatic service serving outside the Commonwealth or civilian employee of the United States government or any agency or instrumentality thereof serving outside the United States 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 or as a civilian employee of the United States government or any agency or instrumentality thereof serving outside the United States and 60 days thereafter. However, no extension granted under this section shall exceed 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.