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HOUSE BILL NO. 523

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 46.2-1158.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to extension of validity of vehicle safety inspection stickers; armed services.

Patron—Suit

Referred to Committee on Transportation

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 46.2-1158.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 46.2-1158.1. Extension of validity of vehicle safety inspection approval stickers issued for vehicles whose registered owners are persons in the armed services of the United States.

Notwithstanding any contrary provision of law, any vehicle safety inspection approval sticker issued for any vehicle whose registered owner is a person in the armed services of the United States shall be held not to have expired during the period of the owner's official absence from the Commonwealth in the armed services of the United States. Should the armed services member be domiciled in another state of the United States, nothing in this section shall be construed to absolve such person from obtaining a current inspection sticker from his state of domicile, if required by such state. In cases where the vehicle does not have a current, valid vehicle safety inspection approval sticker and returns to or becomes operational in the Commonwealth, for any reason, the operator will have 24 72 hours, Sundays and holidays excepted, to have the vehicle inspected. Furthermore, no penalty shall be imposed on any such owner or operator for operation of a motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer after the expiration of a period fixed for the inspection thereof, over the most direct route between the place where such vehicle is kept or garaged and an official inspection station for the purpose of having it inspected pursuant to an appointment with such station, *or when operation of the motor vehicle within the Commonwealth is for a period of less than seven hours from point of entry to point of exit and is exclusively to facilitate interstate travel due to military orders, family emergency, or family bereavement.*

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.

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