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HOUSE BILL NO. 1862

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 54.1-117 of the Code of Virginia, relating to professions and occupations; expiration of certain documents issued to spouses of citizens of Virginia serving in the armed forces of the United States.

Patrons—Cosgrove, Athey, Cole, Cox, J.A., Crockett-Stark, Iaquinto, Lingamfelter, Rust, Sherwood and Villanueva

Referred to Committee on General Laws

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 54.1-117 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 54.1-117. Expiration of documents issued to persons in diplomatic service and the armed services of the United States.

Notwithstanding any contrary provision of law, any license, permit, certificate, or other document, however styled or denominated, that is related to the practice of any business, profession, or calling and issued under this title to any citizen of the Commonwealth shall be held not to have expired during the period of such person's service outside the United States, 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 years from the date of expiration of the document. The provisions of this section shall apply to the spouse of a member of the armed services of the United States if the spouse accompanies the member during periods of service outside of the United States.

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.