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(By Delegates Hamilton, Ferro, Longstreth and Rowan)
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Committee on Roads and Transportation then the Judiciary.]

10 A BILL to amend and reenact §17B-2-12 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating
11 to extending the expiration of driver’s licenses for active military members’ spouses.

12 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

13 That §17B-2-12 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted
14 to read as follows:

15 **ARTICLE 2. ISSUANCE OF LICENSE, EXPIRATION AND RENEWAL.**

16 **§17B-2-12. Expiration of licenses.**

17 (a) Except as provided in ~~subsection~~ subsections (b) and (c) of this section, every driver's
18 license expires eight years from the date of its issuance.

19 (b)(1) Every driver's license issued to a person who has attained his or her twenty-first
20 birthday expires on the licensee’s birthday. The commissioner may modify the expiration date of
21 any license as necessary to effectuate the transition from the five-year renewal cycle to an eight-year
22 renewal cycle as he or she considers necessary.

1 (2) Every driver's license issued to a person who has not attained his or her twenty-first
2 birthday expires thirty days after the licensee's twenty-first birthday, except as provided in section
3 three-a of this article.

4 (3) The driver's license of any ~~person in the armed forces~~ member of United States Armed
5 Forces and that of his or her spouse expires six months after the date on which the ~~person~~ member
6 is separated from active duty in the Armed Forces under honorable circumstances.

7 (c) A license issued to a person who is not a citizen of the United States may only be issued
8 for the time the person is legally authorized to be in the United States, not to exceed eight years. If
9 the time the person is authorized to be in the United States is extended, the commissioner may renew
10 the license in accordance with section twelve-a of this article for the time extended, not to exceed
11 eight years.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to extend the expiration of the driver's licenses of military members' spouses.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from the present law, and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.