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House Bill 2135

2015 Carryover

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Committee on Roads and Transportation then the
Judiciary.]

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

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

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

ARTICLE 2. ISSUANCE OF LICENSE, EXPIRATION AND RENEWAL.

§17B-2-12. Expiration of licenses.

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

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

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

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

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