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House Bill 2305

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to the 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 the issuance, expiration and renewal of driver's license; providing that the license of
3 any person who is working on behalf of West Virginia or the United States out of the United
4 States does not expire until six months after that person returns to West Virginia; and
5 providing that the driver's license of family members of persons in the Armed Forces of
6 the United States do not expire until six months after separation from the service by the
7 military member.

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 (c) of this section, every driver's license expires eight
2 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 of
5 any license as necessary to effectuate the transition from the five-year renewal cycle to an eight-
6 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 of the United States, including
11 family members of that person who have a West Virginia driver's license, expires six months after
12 the date on which the person is separated from active duty in the Armed Forces under honorable
13 circumstances.

14 (4) The driver's license, of any person who is working on behalf of West Virginia or the

15 United States for more than six months out of the United States, expires six months after the date
16 on which that person returns to West Virginia.

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

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to provide that the license of any person who is working on behalf of West Virginia or the United States out of the United States does not expire until six months after that person returns to West Virginia. The bill also provides that the driver's license of family members of persons in the Armed Forces of the United States do not expire until six months after separation from the service by the military member.

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