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Senate Bill 297

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to the Committee on Military; and then to the Committee on
Finance]

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:

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

§17B-2-12. Expiration of licenses.

1 (a) Except as provided in ~~subsection (e)~~ §17B-2-12(b) and §17B-2-12(c) of this code,
2 every driver's 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 21st birthday
4 expires on the licensee's birthday. The commissioner may modify the expiration date of any
5 license as necessary to effectuate the transition from the five-year renewal cycle to an eight-year
6 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 21st birthday
8 expires 30 days after the licensee's 21st birthday, except as provided in §17-2-3a of this code.

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

12 (c) A license issued to a person who is not a citizen of the United States may only be
13 issued for the time the person is legally authorized to be in the United States, not to exceed eight
14 years. If the time the person is authorized to be in the United States is extended, the commissioner
15 may renew the license in accordance with §17A-2-12a of this code for the time extended, not to
16 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 a heading or the present law, and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.