

# WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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**Introduced**

### **House Bill 2784**

**FISCAL  
NOTE**

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[ Introduced January 31, 2019; Referred  
to the Committee on Technology and Infrastructure  
then Government Organization.]

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;  
 3 permitting the spouse to renew his or her license from wherever he or she is located and  
 4 need not be in person; and authorizing rule making.

*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  
 10 States Armed Forces and that of his or her spouse expires six months after the date on which the  
 11 ~~person~~ member is separated from active duty in the Armed Forces under honorable  
 12 circumstances. Additionally, the member's spouse does not have to renew his or her license in  
 13 person, it may be renewed wherever he or she may be located. The commissioner shall propose  
 14 rules for legislative approval in accordance with §29A-3-1 et seq. of this code to implement this  
 15 subsection.

16 (c) A license issued to a person who is not a citizen of the United States may only be  
 17 issued for the time the person is legally authorized to be in the United States, not to exceed eight  
 18 years. If the time the person is authorized to be in the United States is extended, the  
 19 commissioner may renew the license in accordance with §17A-2-12a of this code for the time

20 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. The bill permits the spouse to renew his or her license from wherever located. The bill authorizes rule making.

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