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to the Committee on Roads and Transportation then
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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 they are located and need
 4 not be in person; and authorizing rule making.

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 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~~ 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 Additionally, the member's spouse does not have to renew his or her license in person, it may be
 14 renewed wherever he or she may be located. The commissioner shall propose rules for legislative
 15 approval in accordance with article three, chapter twenty-nine-a of the code to implement this
 16 subsection.

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
20 commissioner may renew the license in accordance with section twelve-a of this article for the
21 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. The bill permits the spouse to renew his or her license from wherever they are located and not in person. 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.