

1 S.140

2 Introduced by Senator White

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Motor vehicles; operator's licenses; expiration; military spouse and  
6 dependents

7 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to extend to the spouses and  
8 dependents of active duty members of the U.S. Armed Forces stationed outside  
9 the State a grace period for operating a motor vehicle with an expired license.

10 An act relating to a grace period for expired licenses

11 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

12 Sec. 1. 23 V.S.A. § 616 is amended to read:

13 § 616. EXTENSION OF LICENSE FOR MEMBERS OF ARMED FORCES,

14 FAMILY

15 (a) A resident of Vermont ~~who is a member of~~ servicing on active duty in the  
16 ~~armed forces~~ Armed Forces of the United States, ~~and who at the time of his or~~  
17 ~~her induction, call on reserve commission or enlistment into such forces, or~~  
18 ~~who~~ outside the State, and a spouse or dependent who accompanies him or her  
19 whose valid Vermont license expires during his or her the term of service with  
20 ~~the armed forces was the holder of a valid Vermont license to operate motor~~

1 ~~vehicles issued by the commissioner, outside the State~~ shall, notwithstanding  
2 the expiration of such license, be entitled to operate a motor vehicle without a  
3 new license ~~therefor~~ during ~~his or her~~ the term of service and ~~until~~ for 30 days  
4 after ~~receiving a~~ the member's discharge or release from the armed forces  
5 active duty, provided, however, that ~~he or she shall not be so entitled for a~~  
6 ~~longer period~~ a grace period under this section shall last no longer than four  
7 years from the date of expiration of ~~his or her~~ the license.

8 (b) ~~Such person shall while~~ While operating a motor vehicle, a person  
9 described in subsection (a) of this section whose license has expired shall carry  
10 ~~upon his or her person~~ the last license issued to him or her and ~~eclusive~~  
11 evidence that he or she is a or was stationed outside Vermont as an active duty  
12 member of the ~~armed forces and, if discharged, a copy of such discharge~~  
13 Armed Forces, or is the spouse or dependent of such a member. A person not  
14 carrying such evidence at the time of a traffic stop, but who produces the  
15 evidence in response to a traffic complaint or at a hearing, shall not be  
16 convicted for operating with an expired license.

17 (c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to permit a person against  
18 whom a revocation or suspension of license has been issued or is in force, or a  
19 person who has been refused a license by the ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner, to  
20 operate a motor vehicle.

- 1       Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE
- 2       This act shall take effect on passage.