

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to personal injury protection insurance;  
 3           amending s. 627.733, F.S.; expanding an exemption to the  
 4           requirement to maintain personal injury protection  
 5           security on a motor vehicle for members of the United  
 6           States Armed Forces on active duty to include the  
 7           dependent spouses of such servicemembers; providing  
 8           conditions for eligibility; providing an effective date.  
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10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 12           Section 1. Subsection (5) of section 627.733, Florida  
 13 Statutes, is amended to read:

14           627.733 Required security.--

15           (5) In addition to other persons who are not required to  
 16 provide required security as required under this section and s.  
 17 324.022, the owner or registrant of a motor vehicle is exempt  
 18 from such requirements if she or he is a member of the United  
 19 States Armed Forces and is called to or on active duty outside  
 20 the state or the United States or if she or he is the dependent  
 21 spouse of an active duty servicemember who resides with the  
 22 active duty servicemember and the vehicle is maintained at the  
 23 location at which they reside ~~in an emergency situation~~. The  
 24 exemption provided by this subsection applies only as long as  
 25 the member of the armed forces is on such active duty outside  
 26 the state or the United States and applies only while the  
 27 vehicle covered by the security required by this section and s.  
 28 324.022 is not operated by any person. Upon receipt of a written

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29 request by the insured to whom the exemption provided in this  
30 subsection applies, the insurer shall cancel the coverages and  
31 return any unearned premium or suspend the security required by  
32 this section and s. 324.022. Notwithstanding subsection (6), the  
33 Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles may not suspend  
34 the registration or operator's license of any owner or  
35 registrant of a motor vehicle during the time she or he  
36 qualifies for an exemption under this subsection. Any owner or  
37 registrant of a motor vehicle who qualifies for an exemption  
38 under this subsection shall immediately notify the department  
39 prior to and at the end of the expiration of the exemption.

40 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.