

By the Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; and Senator Bradley

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1 A bill to be entitled  
2 An act relating to driver licenses; amending s.  
3 322.031, F.S.; providing that the spouse of a member  
4 of the United States Armed Forces is not required to  
5 obtain a Florida driver license because he or she  
6 enters his or her children in public school in this  
7 state under certain circumstances; providing that a  
8 dependent child of a member of the United States Armed  
9 Forces is not required to obtain a Florida driver  
10 license under certain circumstances; updating  
11 terminology; amending s. 322.121, F.S.; providing that  
12 the spouse of a member of the United States Armed  
13 Forces is granted an automatic extension for the  
14 expiration of a certain class of driver license under  
15 certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

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17 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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19 Section 1. Section 322.031, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
20 read:

21 322.031 Nonresident; when license required.—

22 (1) In each ~~every~~ case in which a nonresident, except a  
23 nonresident migrant or seasonal farm worker as defined in s.  
24 316.003(61), accepts employment or engages in any trade,  
25 profession, or occupation in this state or enters his or her  
26 children to be educated in the public schools of this state,  
27 such nonresident shall, within 30 days after the commencement of  
28 such employment or education, be required to obtain a Florida  
29 driver ~~driver's~~ license if such nonresident operates a motor

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30 vehicle on the highways of this state. The spouse or dependent  
31 child of such nonresident shall also be required to obtain a  
32 Florida driver ~~driver's~~ license within that 30-day period before  
33 ~~prior to~~ operating a motor vehicle on the highways of this  
34 state.

35 (2) A member of the United States Armed Forces on active  
36 duty in this state or his or her spouse is ~~shall not be~~ required  
37 to obtain a Florida driver ~~driver's~~ license under this section  
38 solely because he or she enters his or her children to be  
39 educated in the public schools of this state if he or she has a  
40 valid military driving permit or a valid driver ~~driver's~~ license  
41 issued by another state. If a member of the United States Armed  
42 Forces on active duty in this state or his or her spouse is not  
43 required to obtain a Florida driver license under this  
44 subsection, his or her dependent child is not required to obtain  
45 a Florida driver license if the dependent child has a valid  
46 driver license issued by another state, unless the dependent  
47 child accepts employment or engages in any trade, profession, or  
48 occupation in this state.

49 (3) A nonresident who is domiciled in another state and who  
50 commutes into this state in order to work is ~~shall not be~~  
51 required to obtain a Florida driver ~~driver's~~ license under this  
52 section solely because he or she has accepted employment or  
53 engages in any trade, profession, or occupation in this state if  
54 he or she has a valid driver ~~driver's~~ license issued by another  
55 state. Further, a ~~any~~ person who is enrolled as a student in a  
56 college or university and who is a nonresident but is in this  
57 state for a period of up to 6 months engaged in a work-study  
58 program for which academic credits are earned from a college

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59 whose credits or degrees are accepted for credit by at least  
60 three accredited institutions of higher learning, as defined in  
61 s. 1005.02, ~~is shall~~ not be required to obtain a Florida driver  
62 ~~driver's~~ license for the duration of the work-study program if  
63 such person has a valid driver ~~driver's~~ license issued by  
64 another state. ~~A Any~~ nonresident who is enrolled as a full-time  
65 student in any such institution of higher learning is also  
66 exempt from the requirement of obtaining a Florida driver  
67 ~~driver's~~ license for the duration of such enrollment.

68 (4) A nonresident who is at least 21 years of age and who  
69 has in his or her immediate possession a valid commercial driver  
70 ~~driver's~~ license issued in substantial compliance with the  
71 Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1986 may operate a motor  
72 vehicle of the type permitted by his or her license to be  
73 operated in this state.

74 Section 2. Subsection (5) of section 322.121, Florida  
75 Statutes, is amended to read:

76 322.121 Periodic reexamination of all drivers.—

77 (5) A member ~~Members~~ of the United States Armed Forces, his  
78 or her spouse, or a dependent ~~their dependents~~ residing with him  
79 or her ~~them~~, shall be granted an automatic extension for the  
80 expiration of his or her ~~their~~ Class E license ~~licenses~~ without  
81 reexamination while the member of the United States Armed Forces  
82 is serving on active duty outside this state. This extension is  
83 valid for 90 days after the member of the United States Armed  
84 Forces is either discharged or returns to this state to live.

85 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.