

By the Committees on Transportation; and 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 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, his or her spouse, or a dependent residing
37 with him or her, is shall not be required to obtain or display a
38 Florida driver ~~driver's~~ license if he or she is in possession of
39 a valid military identification card and either a valid driver
40 license or learner's permit issued by another state, or a valid
41 military driving permit. Such a person is not required to obtain
42 or display a Florida driver license under this section solely
43 because he or she enters his or her children to be educated in
44 the public schools of this state or accepts employment or
45 engages in any trade, profession, or occupation in this state if
46 ~~he or she has a valid military driving permit or a valid~~
47 ~~driver's license issued by another state.~~

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

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

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

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

75 322.121 Periodic reexamination of all drivers.—

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

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