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A BILL FOR

1 An Act extending the deadline for driver's license renewal for
2 peace corps volunteers.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 321.198, Code 2003, is amended to read
2 as follows:

3 321.198 MILITARY OR PEACE CORPS SERVICE EXCEPTION.

4 1. The effective date of a valid driver's license to the
5 extent that it permits the operation of a motor vehicle other
6 than a commercial motor vehicle and other than as a chauffeur,
7 issued under the laws of this state, held by any person at the
8 time of entering the military service of the United States or
9 of the state of Iowa, or volunteer service in the peace corps,
10 notwithstanding the expiration of the license according to its
11 terms, is hereby extended without fee until six months
12 following the initial separation from active duty of the
13 person from the military service or completion of the person's
14 peace corps assignment, provided the person is not suffering
15 from physical disabilities which impair the person's
16 competency as an operator and provided further that the
17 licensee shall, upon demand of any peace officer, furnish
18 satisfactory evidence of the person's military or peace corps
19 service. However, a person entitled to the benefits of this
20 section, charged with operating a motor vehicle without an
21 operator's license, shall not be convicted if the person
22 produces in court, within a reasonable time, a valid driver's
23 license previously issued to that person along with evidence
24 of the person's military or peace corps service **as-above**
25 **mentioned.**

26 2. The department is authorized to renew any driver's
27 license falling within the provisions and limitations of the
28 preceding paragraph subsection, without examination, upon
29 application and payment of fee made within six months
30 following separation from the military service or completion
31 of a peace corps assignment.

32 3. The provisions of this section shall also apply to the
33 spouse, and children, or ward wards of such-military-personnel
34 a person in military service or a peace corps volunteer when
35 such the spouse, children, or ward wards are living with the

1 ~~above-described-military-personnel~~ person outside of the state
2 of Iowa and provided that ~~such~~ the extension of license does
3 not exceed five years.

4 4. A person whose period of driver's license validity of
5 ~~the-person's-driver's-license~~ is extended under this section
6 may file an application in accordance with rules adopted by
7 the department to have the person's record of issuance of a
8 driver's license retained in the department's record system
9 during the period for which the driver's license remains
10 valid. If a person has had the record of issuance of the
11 person's driver's license removed from the department's
12 records, the person shall have the person's record of driver's
13 license issuance reentered by the department upon request if
14 the request is accompanied by a letter from the applicable
15 person's commanding officer verifying the military service, or
16 documentation from the peace corps verifying the volunteer
17 service, as applicable.

18 EXPLANATION

19 This bill extends to peace corps volunteers the same
20 exception to regulations for renewal of a driver's license
21 which currently applies to persons in military service.

22 The bill provides that a person who serves as a peace corps
23 volunteer is entitled to an extension on the expiration of a
24 driver's license, without fee, for six months after completion
25 of the peace corps assignment, provided the person is
26 physically qualified to drive. The person is required to
27 furnish evidence of the person's peace corps service if
28 requested by a peace officer, and may not be convicted of
29 operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license if such
30 evidence is produced for the court within a reasonable time.
31 The driver's license of a peace corps volunteer shall be
32 renewed within the prescribed period of time without
33 examination upon application and payment of required fees.
34 The person may request that the state department of
35 transportation retain a record of issuance of a driver's

1 license to the person. If the department has removed the
2 record of issuance, the person may request that the record be
3 reentered, upon presentation of appropriate documentation of
4 the person's peace corps service. The spouse, children, and
5 wards of the peace corps volunteer are entitled to the same
6 driver's license extension for up to five years if they have
7 been living with the volunteer out of state.

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