

CHAPTER 1070

DRIVER'S LICENSE EFFECTIVE DATE — MILITARY SERVICE

H.F. 2404

AN ACT relating to the extension of the effective date of a driver's license for a person serving on active duty in military service.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 321.198, subsection 1, Code 2011, is amended to read as follows:

1. *a.* The effective date of a valid driver's license issued under the laws of this state, held by any person at the time of entering the military service of the United States or of the state of Iowa, notwithstanding the expiration of the license according to its terms, is hereby extended without fee until six months following the initial separation from active duty of the person from the military service, provided the person is not suffering from physical disabilities which impair the person's competency as an operator, and provided further that the licensee shall furnish, upon demand of any peace officer, satisfactory evidence of the person's military service. However, a person entitled to the benefits of this section who is charged with operating a motor vehicle without a valid driver's license shall not be convicted if the person produces in court, within a reasonable time, a valid driver's license previously issued to that person along with satisfactory evidence of the person's military service as provided in this paragraph.

b. The department is authorized to renew any driver's license falling within the provisions and limitations of paragraph "a", without examination, upon application and payment of fee made within six months following separation from the military service.

c. For purposes of this subsection, a United States department of defense common access card issued to a person is satisfactory evidence of the person's current military service, and a certificate of release or discharge from active duty, commonly referred to as a DD214, is satisfactory evidence of a person's previous military service and separation from active duty. A person who produces a valid driver's license previously issued to the person along with the person's common access card or DD214 shall not be required to produce any additional documentation to satisfy the requirements of paragraph "a".

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