

SENATE BILL 741

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – U.S. Foreign Service Members Absent from State – Effective**
3 **Period of Driver’s License**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing that a Maryland driver’s license held by a member of
5 the Foreign Service of the United States residing outside the State, or the
6 spouse or dependent of the Foreign Service member residing outside the State
7 with the Foreign Service member, shall remain in full force and effect during
8 the absence; authorizing an extension for a certain period of time of the effective
9 period of a Maryland driver’s license after the return to the State of a member
10 of the Foreign Service, or the spouse or dependent of a member of the Foreign
11 Service, under certain circumstances and subject to certain requirements; and
12 generally relating to the effective period of drivers’ licenses of Foreign Service
13 members.

14 BY renumbering

15 Article – Transportation
16 Section 16–115(e) through (j), respectively
17 to be Section 16–115(f) through (k), respectively
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

20 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

21 Article – Transportation
22 Section 16–115(a)(1) through (3)
23 Annotated Code of Maryland
24 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

25 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

26 Article – Transportation
27 Section 16–115(a)(4)
28 Annotated Code of Maryland

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

2 BY adding to

3 Article – Transportation

4 Section 16–115(e)

5 Annotated Code of Maryland

6 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

7 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
8 MARYLAND, That Section(s) 16–115(e) through (j), respectively, of Article –
9 Transportation of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s)
10 16–115(f) through (k), respectively.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland
12 read as follows:

13 **Article – Transportation**

14 16–115.

15 (a) (1) Subject to paragraph (5) of this subsection, a license issued under
16 this title to a driver at least 21 years old shall expire on the birth date of the licensee
17 at the end of a period of not more than 5 years determined in regulations adopted by
18 the Administration following the issuance of the license.

19 (2) Subject to paragraph (5) of this subsection, a license issued under
20 this title to a driver under the age of 21 years shall expire not later than 60 days after
21 the driver’s 21st birthday.

22 (3) A license is renewable on the presentation of an application, the
23 payment of the renewal fee required by § 16–111.1 of this subtitle, and satisfactory
24 completion of the examination required or authorized by subsection (h) of this section:

25 (i) Within 6 months before its expiration; or

26 (ii) When a driver qualifies for a corrected license issued under §
27 16–114.1(c) of this subtitle.

28 (4) Except as provided in subsection [(e)] (F) of this section, the
29 Administration may not renew an individual’s license for more than one consecutive
30 term without requiring the individual to appear in person at an office of the
31 Administration.

32 (E) (1) A LICENSE HELD BY AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS A MEMBER OF
33 THE FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES AND IS ABSENT FROM THE
34 STATE DUE TO EMPLOYMENT IN THE FOREIGN SERVICE, OR A LICENSE HELD BY
35 THE SPOUSE OR A DEPENDENT OF THE INDIVIDUAL WHO IS RESIDING WITH THE

1 INDIVIDUAL OUTSIDE THE STATE, SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT
2 DURING THE ABSENCE.

3 (2) A LICENSE HELD BY AN INDIVIDUAL DESCRIBED IN
4 PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL ALSO REMAIN IN EFFECT, IF IT
5 WOULD OTHERWISE HAVE EXPIRED UNDER THIS SECTION, FOR A PERIOD OF 30
6 DAYS FOLLOWING THE DATE OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S RETURN TO THE STATE, OR
7 THE INDIVIDUAL'S SEPARATION FROM EMPLOYMENT IN THE FOREIGN SERVICE
8 OF THE UNITED STATES IF:

9 (I) THE INDIVIDUAL HAS IN THE INDIVIDUAL'S IMMEDIATE
10 POSSESSION, TOGETHER WITH THE INDIVIDUAL'S DRIVER'S LICENSE,
11 DOCUMENTATION ACCEPTABLE TO THE ADMINISTRATION INDICATING THAT:

12 1. THE INDIVIDUAL IS A MEMBER OF THE FOREIGN
13 SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES, OR THE SPOUSE OR A DEPENDENT OF A
14 MEMBER OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES AND RESIDES
15 OUTSIDE THE STATE; OR

16 2. THE INDIVIDUAL WAS FORMERLY A MEMBER OF
17 THE FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES, OR THE SPOUSE OR A
18 DEPENDENT OF A FORMER MEMBER OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE, AND HAS
19 RETURNED TO THE STATE ON SEPARATION OF THE MEMBER FROM
20 EMPLOYMENT WITH THE FOREIGN SERVICE; AND

21 (II) THE LICENSE IS NOT OTHERWISE SUSPENDED,
22 REVOKED, OR CANCELED UNDER THIS TITLE DURING THE 30-DAY PERIOD.

23 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
24 October 1, 2012.