

By: Representatives McKnight, Busby, Foster, To: Transportation
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HOUSE BILL NO. 971

1 AN ACT TO BRING FORWARD SECTION 63-1-49, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF
2 1972, WHICH REGULATES RENEWAL OF DRIVER'S LICENSES AFTER
3 EXPIRATION, FOR PURPOSES OF POSSIBLE AMENDMENT; AND FOR RELATED
4 PURPOSES.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 63-1-49, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 brought forward as follows:

8 63-1-49. (1) An expired license issued pursuant to this
9 article may be renewed at any time within eighteen (18) months
10 after the expiration date of the license upon application and
11 payment of the required fee, and the payment of a delinquent fee
12 prescribed in Section 63-1-43, in lieu of a driver examination,
13 unless the holder of the expired license is required to be
14 examined, or unless the department has reason to believe the
15 licensee is no longer qualified to receive a license.

16 (2) (a) Any person in the Armed Services of the United
17 States, who holds a valid license issued pursuant to this chapter
18 and is out of state due to military service at the time the
19 license expires, may renew the license by mail or by online



20 renewal services while out of state due to military service or at
21 any time within ninety (90) days after being discharged from
22 military service or upon returning to the state without payment of
23 any delinquent fee or examination, unless the department has
24 reason to believe that the licensee is no longer qualified to
25 receive a license. The person shall make proof by affidavit of
26 the fact of the person's current military service or of the time
27 of discharge or return. The expiration of the license of a
28 military person under the provisions of this paragraph (a) shall
29 not affect the validity of the license, but the license shall
30 continue to be valid and permit the person to operate a motor
31 vehicle in this state for a period of ninety (90) days after
32 discharge from military service or return to the state or until
33 renewal of the license, whichever occurs first.

34 (b) The provisions of paragraph (a) of this subsection
35 (2) also apply to a dependent of a person in the Armed Services of
36 the United States who is out of state due to military service if
37 the dependent resides out of state with the Armed Services member
38 and the license of the dependent expires during the family
39 member's absence from the state. The Commissioner of Public
40 Safety may adopt such rules and regulations under the
41 Administrative Procedures Act as may be necessary to implement the
42 provisions of this paragraph.

43 (3) Any person holding a valid license issued pursuant to
44 this article who is going overseas for two (2) to four (4) years



45 and whose license will expire during the stay overseas may renew
46 the license for four (4) years or eight (8) years before leaving.
47 The person shall make proof by affidavit of the fact of the
48 overseas travel.

49 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
50 and after July 1, 2022.

