

HB 204 -- DRIVER'S LICENSE RENEWAL FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL

SPONSOR: Hoskins

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Veterans by a vote of 13 to 0.

Currently, a resident who is a member of the Missouri National Guard or the armed forces of the United States who is serving on active duty and fails to renew his or her driver's license is not required to take a complete examination if he or she renews within 60 days after completing the military service. This bill specifies that the member is given 90 days after completing the military service and re-establishing residence within the state to renew his or her license without being required to take the complete examination. A person discharged from the armed forces of the United States will have six months from the date of discharge or within 90 days after re-establishment of residence within the state, whichever is sooner, to renew an expired driver's license without examination. A Missouri resident on active military duty or any dependent, 21 years of age or older, residing outside of the state or the United States may renew his or her driver's license by mail.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2012, FY 2013, and FY 2014.

PROponents: Supporters say that the bill makes driver's license renewal a little easier for our veterans.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Hoskins; Dewey Riehn, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Missouri Department; Dewey Riehn, Missouri Association of Veterans Organizations; and Dewey Riehn, American Legion, Department of Missouri.

OPponents: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.