

Department of Finance and Administration

Legislative Impact Statement

Bill: HB1147

Bill Subtitle: ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE EXTENSION OF THE EXPIRATION DATE FOR A DRIVER'S LICENSE BELONGING TO A MILITARY MEMBER.

Basic Change :

Sponsor: Representative Boyd

This bill will amend § 27-16-902 to allow an extension of the driver's license expiration date for an active duty military member who is residing outside the State of Arkansas and submits an application for an extension. The expiration date is to be extended 60 days after the military member separates or is honorably discharged from active duty military service.

Revenue Impact :

There may be a delay in the driver's license renewal revenue if a large number of active military members apply for the extension.

Taxpayer Impact :

The active duty military member stationed out of the state will be able to avoid the renewal by mail process and the required eye exam until they are released from active duty and have 60 days to return to the state to renew their license.

Resources Required :

Additional programming estimated to cost \$2,550 and employee training will be required. It is expected the military members' applications will be processed by existing Driver Services employees and no additional employees will be required.

Time Required :

Additional time is required and DFA requests the implementation date be set for November 13, 2017.

Procedural Changes :

Procedures will be developed for the military extension application process.

Other Comments :

None.

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Legal Analysis :

HB1147 changes the amount of time granted for an extension of a military member driver's license from thirty (30) days after either first tour of duty or release of active military, whichever is first, to sixty (60) days after the member has separated from, or been honorably discharged from, active duty military service. To be eligible for the extension, the driving privileges of the military member must not be suspended, canceled, or revoked.