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Overview

This bill summary describes the first engrossment.

Under the first engrossment, the Minnesota driver's license of a service member who is serving in active Military Service outside the state of Minnesota, as well as the driver's license of the service member's spouse, would remain valid for at least one full year following the person's separation or discharge from active military service, and until the person's birthday a full four-years following the previous renewal if that is later (or birthday three years following renewal, if the license is a provisional license).

Under current law, the veteran and spouse have only 90-days to renew their driver's licenses in this circumstance (or until the above-described birthdays, if later).

The Department of Public Safety would update the driving record of the service member and spouse based on any valid request. Thus, even though the person's driver's license card might appear to have expired, the electronic driver's license record itself would show that it has been extended. Under a nationwide interstate compact, all states share one another's electronic driver's license files.