

**HOUSE BILL NO. 212**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVES ISAACSON, HUGHES, AND LEDOUX

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Referred: House Special Committee on Military and Veterans' Affairs, State Affairs

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act relating to an exemption from driver licensing requirements for spouses of  
2 members of the armed forces of the United States."

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 \* **Section 1.** AS 28.15.021 is amended to read:

5 **Sec. 28.15.021. Persons exempt from driver licensing.** The following  
6 persons are exempt from driver licensing under this chapter:

7 (1) an employee of the United States government while operating a  
8 motor vehicle owned by or leased to the United States government and being operated  
9 on official business, unless the employee is required by the United States government  
10 or an agency of that government to have a state driver's license;

11 (2) a nonresident who is at least 16 years of age and who has a valid  
12 driver's license issued by another jurisdiction; however, an Alaska driver's license  
13 must be obtained by the end of a 90-day period after entry into the state;

14 (3) a member of the armed forces of the United States **or, if the**

1 **member's spouse is 18 years of age or older, the spouse of a member of the armed**  
 2 **forces of the United States** who has a valid driver's license issued by another  
 3 jurisdiction when the permanent residence of the member **or spouse** is maintained in  
 4 that jurisdiction;

5 (4) a person when driving an implement of husbandry, as defined by  
 6 regulation, that is only temporarily driven or moved on a highway;

7 (5) a person when driving or operating an off-highway vehicle,  
 8 watercraft, aircraft, or other vehicle not designed for highway use as specified by the  
 9 department by regulation;

10 (6) a person who is at least 16 years of age with a valid driver's license  
 11 from a jurisdiction other than Alaska while driving a motor-driven cycle; however, an  
 12 Alaska driver's license for driving a motor-driven cycle must be obtained by the end of  
 13 a 90-day period after entering the state;

14 (7) a person when operating an electric personal motor vehicle;

15 (8) certain drivers in the United States military service who are  
 16 operating commercial motor vehicles for military purposes; in this paragraph, "certain  
 17 drivers in the United States military service"

18 (A) means

19 (i) a member of the United States active duty military,  
 20 including active duty United States Coast Guard;

21 (ii) a member of the United States military reserves;

22 (iii) a member of the Alaska National Guard or the  
 23 national guard of another state on active duty in this state, including a  
 24 member on part-time Alaska National Guard training; and

25 (iv) an individual who serves as an Alaska National  
 26 Guard military technician; in this sub-subparagraph, "Alaska National  
 27 Guard military technician" means an individual who is not a member of  
 28 the military, but is required to wear a military uniform;

29 (B) does not include an individual who serves as a United  
 30 States Military Reserve technician;

31 (9) drivers employed by a municipality or established village, as that

1 term is defined in AS 04.21.080, with a population of 3,000 or less operating snow  
2 removal equipment in this state within the boundaries of the municipality or  
3 established village if

4 (A) the employee who is properly licensed in this state and  
5 ordinarily operates the equipment is unavailable; or

6 (B) the municipality or established village determines that an  
7 emergency exists that requires additional assistance;

8 (10) a nonresident who holds a valid commercial driver's license  
9 issued by another jurisdiction when the permanent residence of the commercial driver  
10 is maintained in that jurisdiction.