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## Sectional Analysis of HB 212-Driver's Licensing Exemption: Military

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

This bill amends AS28.1.021 to additionally exempt spouses from obtaining an Alaska driver's license if they hold a valid license in another state where they declare permanent residency.

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Section 1. Subsection (3) adds **or, if the member's spouse is 18 years of age or older, the spouse of a member of the armed forces of the United States** who has a valid driver's license issued by another jurisdiction when the permanent residence of the member **or spouse** is maintained in that jurisdiction.

By making the law relevant to spouses 18 or over, it removes the potential conflict arising from Alaska's graduated licensing program requirements. The driving skill level of a 16-18 year old in Alaska's unique terrain and climate should still be taken into consideration when weighing if a license issued in another state would equate to the same level of skill and knowledge needed to drive in Alaska. 16-18 year olds should take the opportunity to study and learn more about the driving conditions in Alaska and would therefore still be required to seek a license from Alaska within 90 days.