

## **House Bill 268, version B** **Sponsor Statement**

*“An Act relating to driver’s license renewal.”*

House Bill 268 adds an exemption to the statute for driver’s license renewals to allow military servicemembers and their families to renew licenses within two years of expiration. The statute currently limits renewals to within one year of expiration.

The need for this change was brought up by a servicemember’s spouse preparing for transfer overseas. The receiving government requires a license valid for the entire duration of placement and Alaska’s current statute prevented this Alaskan-based military family from getting those required documents. The State of Alaska should not stand in the way when our Alaskans in uniform, and their families, are serving our country without easy access to a DMV and want to retain this piece of home.

This simple change, while significant for only a small number of Alaskans, makes the lives of our servicemembers a little easier during times of transition.

