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## S. B. 2105 RELATING TO HIGHWAY SAFETY

Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs

The Department of Transportation is providing **comments** on S.B. 2105 which authorizes the examiner of drivers to accept driver's license renewal applications from civilian employees and contractors of the federal Department of Defense more than six months prior to the date of expiration under certain conditions.

Under current procedures, a United States Department of Defense (US DoD) applicant that may not be able to visit the drivers license office to renew their driver's license because they are not within the 6-months renewal window has the option to renew their REAL ID driver's license as a limited purpose driver's license by mail. All counties already allow this. Although a REAL ID compliant driver's license is needed to pass the security screening at airports or to enter federal facilities, the US DoD contractor will have a Department of Defense identification card that allows the individual the same access rights as a REAL ID driver's license for those purposes. The individual should update their mailing address prior to being deployed to their out of state assignment.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.