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Short Title: Five-year Drivers License Renewal.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO CHANGE THE GENERAL DRIVERS LICENSE RENEWAL CYCLE FROM FOUR YEARS TO FIVE YEARS AND TO MAKE UNIFORM THE REQUIREMENTS FOR OBTAINING A DRIVERS LICENSE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 20-7 reads as rewritten:

"§ 20-7. ~~Drivers' licenses; expiration; examination; fees.~~ Issuance and renewal of drivers license.

(a) Requirement. – Except as otherwise provided in this Chapter, no person shall operate a motor vehicle on a highway unless such person is a resident of this State and has first been licensed by the Division under the provisions of this Article or Article 2C for the class of vehicle being driven. ~~Driver~~ Drivers licenses shall be classified under this Article as follows:

(1) Class 'A' which entitles a licensee to drive any vehicle or combination of vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of 26,001 pounds or more, provided the GVWR of the vehicle or vehicle being towed are in excess of 10,000 pounds and are exempt from Article 2C of this Chapter. A Class A license entitles the licensee to operate Class B and C vehicles except motorcycles.

(2) Class 'B' which entitles a licensee to drive a single vehicle with a GVWR of 26,001 pounds or more, or any such vehicle towing a single vehicle not in excess of 10,000 pounds provided the towed vehicle is exempt from Article 2C of this Chapter. A Class B license entitles the licensee to operate Class C vehicles except motorcycles.

- 1 (3) Class 'C' which entitles a licensee to drive a single vehicle with a
2 GVWR of less than 26,001 pounds or any such vehicle towing another
3 vehicle with a GVWR not in excess of 10,000 pounds, both of which
4 are exempt from Article 2C. A Class C license does not entitle the
5 licensee to drive a motorcycle.

6 Any unusual vehicle shall be assigned by the Commissioner to the most appropriate
7 class under this subsection or Article 2C with suitable special restrictions if they appear
8 to be necessary.

9 Any person who takes up residence in this State on a permanent basis is exempt
10 from the provisions of this subsection for 30 days from the date that residence is
11 established, if he is properly licensed in the jurisdiction of which he is a former resident.

12 (a1) Motorcycles and Mopeds. ~~No operator's or chauffeur's license issued on or after~~
13 ~~October 1, 1979, shall~~ A drivers license does not authorize the licensee to operate a
14 motorcycle unless the license has been appropriately endorsed by the Division to
15 indicate that the licensee has passed special road and written (or oral) tests
16 demonstrating competence to operate a motorcycle. Any person licensed prior to
17 January 1, 1978, who has operated a motorcycle for at least two years prior to that date,
18 will be exempt from the provisions of this subsection upon filing with the Division of
19 Motor Vehicles an affidavit attesting to said two years' experience. Nothing contained
20 in this subsection shall be construed to require a moped operator to have a ~~driver's~~
21 drivers license.

22 (b) Form. ~~Every application for a driver's~~ drivers license shall be made upon the
23 approved form furnished by the Division.

24 (c) Issuance. ~~No person shall hereafter be issued a driver's~~ drivers license until
25 it is determined that such person is physically and mentally capable of safely operating
26 motor vehicles (of the type or class for which the person applied to be licensed) over the
27 highways of the State. In determining whether or not a person is physically and
28 mentally capable of safely operating motor vehicles over the highways of the State, the
29 Division shall require such person to demonstrate his capability by passing an
30 examination, which may include road tests, oral and in the case of literate applicants
31 written tests, and tests of vision, as the Division may require. The Commissioner may
32 adopt regulations that allow employees of governmental agencies or private businesses
33 to receive a ~~driver's~~ drivers license without taking a road test if the conditions specified
34 in the regulations are complied with. ~~Provided, however, that persons 60 years of age and~~
35 ~~over, when being examined as herein provided, shall not be required to parallel park a motor~~
36 ~~vehicle as part of any such examination.~~

37 (c1) Insurance. ~~In addition to the other requirements of this section, no person~~
38 shall be issued a ~~driver's~~ drivers license until such person has furnished proof that he is
39 financially responsible. Proof of financial responsibility shall be in one of the following
40 forms:

- 41 (1) A written certificate or electronically-transmitted facsimile thereof
42 from any insurance carrier duly authorized to do business in this State
43 certifying that there is in effect a nonfleet private passenger motor
44 vehicle liability policy for the benefit of the person required to furnish

1 proof of financial responsibility. The certificate or facsimile shall state
2 the effective date and expiration date of the nonfleet private passenger
3 motor vehicle liability policy and shall state the date that the certificate
4 or facsimile is issued. The certificate or facsimile shall remain
5 effective proof of financial responsibility for a period of 30
6 consecutive days following the date the certificate or facsimile is
7 issued but shall not in and of itself constitute a binder or policy of
8 ~~insurance or insurance.~~

- 9 (2) A binder for or policy of nonfleet private passenger motor vehicle
10 liability insurance under which the applicant is insured, provided that
11 the binder or policy states the effective date and expiration date of the
12 nonfleet private passenger motor vehicle liability policy.

13 The preceding provisions of this subsection do not apply to applicants who do not
14 own currently registered motor vehicles and who do not operate nonfleet private
15 passenger motor vehicles that are owned by other persons and that are not insured under
16 commercial motor vehicle liability insurance policies. In such cases, the applicant shall
17 sign a written certificate to that effect. Such certificate shall be furnished by the
18 Division and may be incorporated into the license application form. Any material
19 misrepresentation made by such person on such certificate shall be grounds for
20 suspension of that person's license for a period of 90 days.

21 For the purpose of this subsection, the term 'nonfleet private passenger motor
22 vehicle' has the definition ascribed to it in Article 40 of General Statute Chapter 58.

23 The Commissioner may require that certificates required by this subsection be on a
24 form approved by the Commissioner.

25 Nothing in this subsection precludes any person from showing proof of financial
26 responsibility in any other manner authorized by Articles 9A and 13 of this Chapter.

27 (d) Tests When License Renewed. – The Division shall cause each person who
28 ~~has heretofore been issued a driver's~~ drivers license to be examined or reexamined, as the
29 case may be, to determine whether or not such person is physically and mentally
30 capable of safely operating motor vehicles over the highways of the State. ~~Those~~ The
31 Division shall renew the drivers licenses of those persons found, as a result of such
32 examination or reexamination, to be capable of safely operating motor vehicles over the
33 highways of the State shall be reissued drivers' licenses; and shall not renew the
34 drivers licenses of those persons found to be incapable of safely operating motor
35 vehicles over the highways of the State shall not be reissued drivers' licenses. ~~State.~~ The
36 examination required by this subsection may include ~~such~~ road tests, vision tests, oral
37 and tests, and, in the case of literate ~~applicants written tests, and tests of vision, as the~~
38 ~~Division may require and shall include such test as is necessary to assure applicants, written~~
39 tests, as determined by the Division. The tests shall ensure that applicants recognize the
40 'international symbol of access' for the handicapped (sign R7-8, Manual on Uniform
41 Traffic Control Devices) and devices relative to handicapped drivers as set forth in
42 Article 2A of this Chapter. Provided, however, that persons 60 years of age and over, when
43 being examined as herein provided, shall not be required to parallel park a motor vehicle as part
44 of any such examination.

1 The Division may not require an applicant for renewal whose license has not expired
2 to take a written examination or a road test unless one or more of the following applies:

3 (1) The applicant has been convicted of a traffic violation or had prayer
4 for judgment continued with respect to a traffic violation since the
5 applicant's license was last issued or renewed.

6 (2) The applicant suffers from a mental or physical condition that impairs
7 the applicant's ability to operate a motor vehicle.

8 (e) Restrictions. – The Division is hereby authorized to grant unlimited licenses
9 or licenses containing such limitations as it may deem advisable. Such limitation or
10 limitations shall be noted on the face of the license, and it shall be unlawful for the
11 holder of a license so limited to operate a motor vehicle without complying with the
12 limitations, and the operation of a motor vehicle without complying with the limitations
13 by a person holding a license with such limitations shall be the equivalent of operating a
14 motor vehicle without a ~~driver's~~ drivers license. If any applicant shall suffer from any
15 physical defect or disease which affects his or her operation of a motor vehicle, the
16 Division may require to be filed with it a certificate of such applicant's condition signed
17 by some medical authority of the applicant's community designated by the Division.
18 This certificate shall in all cases be treated as confidential. Nothing in this subsection
19 shall be construed to prevent the Division from refusing to issue a license, either limited
20 or unlimited, to any person deemed to be incapable of operating a motor vehicle with
21 safety to himself and to the public: Provided, that nothing herein shall prohibit deaf
22 persons from operating motor vehicles who in every other way meet the requirements of
23 this section.

24 (f) Expiration and Renewal. ~~–The drivers' licenses issued under this section shall~~
25 ~~automatically expire on the birthday of the licensee in the fourth year following the year~~
26 ~~of issuance; and no new license shall be issued to any operator after the expiration of his~~
27 ~~license until such operator has again passed the examination specified in this section.~~
28 ~~Any operator may at any time within 60 days prior to the expiration of his license apply~~
29 ~~for a new license and if the applicant meets the requirements of this Article, the~~
30 ~~Division shall issue a new license to him. A new license issued within 60 days prior to~~
31 ~~the expiration of an applicant's old license or within 12 months thereafter shall~~
32 ~~automatically expire four years from the date of the expiration of the applicant's old~~
33 ~~license.~~ An initial drivers license issued by the Division expires on the licensee's
34 birthday in the fourth or subsequent year after the license is issued in which the
35 licensee's age is evenly divisible by five, unless the person to whom the license is issued
36 is 17 years old or is at least 62 years old. An initial drivers license issued to a person
37 who is 17 years old expires on the person's twentieth birthday. An initial drivers license
38 issued to a person who is 62 years old or older expires on the licensee's birthday in the
39 fifth year after the license is issued.

40 A drivers license renewed by the Division expires five years after the expiration date
41 of the license being renewed, unless the person to whom the license is issued is 17 years
42 old or is at least 62 years old. A renewed drivers license issued to a person who is 17
43 years old expires on the person's twentieth birthday. A renewed drivers license issued

1 to a person who is 62 years old or older expires on the licensee's birthday in the fifth
2 year after the license is issued.

3 A licensee may apply to renew a drivers license during the 60-day period before the
4 date the license expires. The Division may not accept an application for renewal made
5 before the 60-day period begins.

6 Subsection (d) governs the examination of an applicant for renewal of a drivers
7 license. An applicant for renewal of a drivers license who must take a written
8 examination under subsection (d) must provide the financial information required by
9 subsection (c1).

10 Any person serving in the armed forces of the United States on active duty and
11 holding a valid ~~driver's~~ drivers license properly issued under this section and stationed
12 outside the State of North Carolina may renew his license by making application to the
13 Division by mail. Any other person, except a nonresident as defined in this Article, who
14 holds a valid ~~driver's~~ drivers license issued under this section and who is temporarily
15 residing outside North Carolina, may also renew by making application to the Division
16 by mail. For purposes of this section 'temporarily' shall mean not less than 30 days
17 continuous absence from North Carolina. In either case, the Division may waive the
18 examination and color photograph ordinarily required for the renewal of a ~~driver's~~
19 drivers license, and may impose in lieu thereof such conditions as it may deem
20 appropriate to each particular application; provided that such license shall expire 30
21 days after the licensee returns to North Carolina, and such license shall be designated as
22 temporary.

23 ~~Provided further, that no person who applies for the renewal of his driver's license~~
24 ~~shall be required to take a written examination or road test as a part of any such~~
25 ~~examination unless such person has been convicted of a traffic violation or had prayer~~
26 ~~for judgment continued with respect to any traffic violation within a four year period~~
27 ~~immediately preceding the date of such person's renewal application or unless such~~
28 ~~person suffers from a mental or physical condition which impairs his ability to operate a~~
29 ~~motor vehicle.~~

30 ~~Provided further, that no person who applies for the renewal of his driver's license~~
31 ~~and who must take the written examination pursuant to this section shall be issued a~~
32 ~~renewed license unless such person has furnished proof that he is financially~~
33 ~~responsible. Proof of financial responsibility shall be in one of the following forms:~~

- 34 (1) ~~A written certificate or electronically-transmitted facsimile thereof~~
35 ~~from any insurance carrier duly authorized to do business in this State~~
36 ~~certifying that there is in effect a nonfleet private passenger motor~~
37 ~~vehicle liability policy for the benefit of the person required to furnish~~
38 ~~proof of financial responsibility. The certificate or facsimile shall state~~
39 ~~the effective date and expiration date of the nonfleet private passenger~~
40 ~~motor vehicle liability policy and shall state the date that the certificate~~
41 ~~or facsimile is issued. The certificate or facsimile shall remain~~
42 ~~effective proof of financial responsibility for a period of 30~~
43 ~~consecutive days following the date the certificate or facsimile is~~

1 ~~issued but shall not in and of itself constitute a binder or policy of~~
 2 ~~insurance or~~

3 (2) ~~A binder for or policy of nonfleet private passenger motor vehicle~~
 4 ~~liability insurance under which the applicant is insured, provided that~~
 5 ~~the binder or policy states the effective date and expiration date of the~~
 6 ~~nonfleet private passenger motor vehicle liability policy.~~

7 ~~The provisions of the preceding paragraph do not apply to applicants who do not~~
 8 ~~own currently registered motor vehicles and who do not operate nonfleet private~~
 9 ~~passenger motor vehicles that are owned by other persons and that are not insured under~~
 10 ~~commercial motor vehicle liability insurance policies. In such cases, the applicant shall~~
 11 ~~sign a written certificate to that effect. Such certificate shall be furnished by the~~
 12 ~~Division and may be incorporated into the license application form. Any material~~
 13 ~~misrepresentation made by such person on such certificate shall be grounds for~~
 14 ~~suspension of that person's license for a period of 90 days.~~

15 ~~For the purpose of this subsection, the term 'nonfleet private passenger motor~~
 16 ~~vehicle' has the definition ascribed to it in Article 40 of General Statute Chapter 58.~~

17 ~~The Commissioner may require that certificates required by this subsection be on a~~
 18 ~~form approved by the Commissioner.~~

19 ~~Nothing in this subsection precludes any person from showing proof of financial~~
 20 ~~responsibility in any other manner authorized by Articles 9A and 13 of this Chapter.~~

21 (g) ~~Repealed by Session Laws 1979, c. 667, s. 6.~~

22 (h) ~~Repealed by Session Laws 1979, c. 113, s. 1.~~

23 (i) Fee. ~~The fee for issuance or reissuance~~ renewal of a Class 'C' license is ten
 24 dollars (\$10.00). ~~The fee for issuance or reissuance of a Class 'B' or Class 'A' license is~~
 25 ~~fifteen dollars (\$15.00).~~ drivers license is the amount set in the following table
 26 multiplied by the number of years in the period for which the license is issued or
 27 renewed:

<u>Class of License</u>	<u>Fee Per Year</u>
<u>Class A</u>	<u>\$3.75</u>
<u>Class B</u>	<u>3.75</u>
<u>Class C</u>	<u>2.50</u>

32 A person receiving at the same time a ~~driver's~~ drivers license and an ~~endorsement~~
 33 ~~pursuant to G.S. 20-7(a1)~~ a motorcycle endorsement under subsection (a1) shall be
 34 charged only the fee required for the class of ~~driver's~~ drivers license ~~he is receiving.~~
 35 received.

36 (i1) Restoration Fee. ~~Any person whose driver's~~ drivers license or other privilege
 37 to operate a motor vehicle in this State has been suspended, canceled or revoked
 38 pursuant to the provisions of this Chapter, other than G.S. 20-17(2), shall pay a
 39 restoration fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00). A person whose ~~driver's~~ drivers license
 40 has been revoked under G.S. 20-17(2) shall pay a restoration fee of fifty dollars
 41 (\$50.00) until the end of the fiscal year in which the cumulative total amount of fees
 42 deposited under this subsection in the General Fund exceeds five million dollars
 43 (\$5,000,000), and shall pay a restoration fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) thereafter.
 44 The fee shall be paid to the Division prior to the issuance to such person of a new

1 ~~driver's drivers~~ license or the restoration of such ~~driver's drivers~~ license or privilege; such
2 restoration fee shall be paid to the Division in addition to any and all fees which may be
3 provided by law. This restoration fee shall not be required from any licensee whose
4 license was suspended, canceled, revoked or voluntarily surrendered for medical or
5 health reasons whether or not a medical evaluation was conducted pursuant to this
6 Chapter. The twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) fee, and the first twenty-five dollars (\$25.00)
7 of the fifty-dollar (\$50.00) fee, shall be deposited in the Highway Fund. The remaining
8 twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) of the fifty-dollar (\$50.00) fee shall be deposited in the
9 General Fund of the State. The Office of State Budget and Management shall certify to
10 the Department of Transportation and the General Assembly when the cumulative total
11 amount of fees deposited in the General Fund under this subsection exceeds five million
12 dollars (\$5,000,000), and shall annually report to the General Assembly the amount of
13 fees deposited in the General Fund under this subsection.

14 It is the intent of the General Assembly to annually appropriate the funds deposited
15 in the General Fund under this subsection to the Board of Governors of The University
16 of North Carolina to be used for the Center for Alcohol Studies Endowment at The
17 University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, but not to exceed this cumulative total of
18 five million dollars (\$5,000,000).

19 (j) Highway Fund.— The fees collected under this section and G.S. 20-14 shall be
20 placed in the Highway Fund.

21 ~~(k) Any person operating a motor vehicle in violation of this section shall be~~
22 ~~guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished as provided in this~~
23 ~~section.~~

24 (l) Learner's Permit. — Any person who except for lack of instruction in
25 operating a motor vehicle would be qualified to obtain ~~an operator's~~ a drivers license
26 under this Article may apply for a temporary learner's permit, and the Division shall
27 issue such permit, entitling the applicant, while having such permit in his immediate
28 possession, to drive a specified type or class of motor vehicle upon the highways for a
29 period of 18 months. The fee for issuance of a temporary learner's permit shall be five
30 dollars (\$5.00). Any such learner's permit may be renewed, or a second learner's permit
31 may be issued, for an additional period of 18 months. The permittee must, while
32 operating a motor vehicle over the highways, be accompanied by a person who is
33 licensed to operate the class or type of vehicle being operated and who is seated in the
34 seat beside the permittee.

35 The fee for the issuance of a renewal or a second temporary learner's permit shall be
36 five dollars (\$5.00).

37 (l-1) Drivers Ed Permit. — The Division upon receiving proper application may in its
38 discretion issue a restricted instruction permit effective for a school year or a lesser
39 period to an applicant who is enrolled in a driver training program as provided for in
40 G.S. 20-88.1 even though the applicant has not yet reached the legal age to be eligible
41 for a ~~driver's drivers~~ license. Such instruction permit shall entitle the permittee when he
42 has such permit in his immediate possession to operate a specified type or class of
43 motor vehicle subject to the restrictions imposed by the Division. The restrictions
44 which the Division may impose on such permits include but are not limited to

1 restrictions to designated areas and highways and restrictions prohibiting operation
2 except when an approved instructor is occupying a seat beside the permittee.

3 (m) Instruction Permit. – The Division upon receiving proper application may in
4 its discretion issue a restricted instruction permit effective for a school year or a lesser
5 period to an applicant who is enrolled in a driver-training program approved by the
6 State Superintendent of Public Instruction even though the applicant has not yet reached
7 the legal age to be eligible for a ~~driver's~~drivers license. Such instruction permit shall
8 entitle the permittee when he has such permit in his immediate possession to operate a
9 specified type or class of motor vehicle subject to the restrictions imposed by the
10 Division. The restrictions which the Division may impose on such permits include but
11 are not limited to restrictions to designated areas and highways and restrictions
12 prohibiting operation except when an approved instructor is occupying a seat beside the
13 permittee.

14 (n) Format. – Every ~~driver's~~drivers license issued by the Division shall bear
15 thereon the distinguishing number assigned to the licensee and color photograph of the
16 licensee of a size approved by the Commissioner and shall contain the name, age,
17 residence address and a brief description of the licensee, who, for the purpose of
18 identification and as a condition precedent to the validity of the license, immediately
19 upon receipt thereof, shall endorse his or her regular signature in ink upon the same in
20 the space provided for that purpose unless a facsimile of his or her signature appears
21 thereon; provided the requirement that a color photograph of the licensee appear on the
22 license may be waived by the Commissioner upon satisfactory proof that the taking of
23 such photograph violates the religious convictions of the licensee. ~~Drivers'~~Drivers
24 licenses shall be issued with differing color photographic backgrounds according to the
25 licensee's age at time of issuance for the following age groups:

26 (1) Persons who have not attained the age of 21 years.

27 (2) Persons who have attained the age of 21 years.

28 The Division of Motor Vehicles shall determine the different colors to be used. Such
29 license shall be carried by the licensee at all times while engaged in the operation of a
30 motor vehicle. However, no person charged with failing to carry a license shall be
31 convicted if he produces in court a ~~driver's~~drivers license issued to him which was valid
32 at the time of his arrest for the type or class of vehicle he was operating at the time of
33 his arrest.

34 (o) Violation. – Any person convicted of violating any provision of this section
35 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and punished in the discretion of the court: Provided,
36 that no person shall be convicted of operating a motor vehicle without a ~~driver's~~drivers
37 license if he produces in court at the time of his trial upon such charge an expired
38 ~~driver's~~drivers license and a renewed ~~driver's~~drivers license issued to him within 30
39 days of the expiration date of the expired license and which would have been a defense
40 to the charge had it been issued prior to the time of the alleged offense."

41 Sec. 2. G.S. 20-9(g)(1) reads as rewritten:

42 "(1) The Division may issue a license to any person who is afflicted with or
43 suffering from a physical or mental disability set out in subsection (e)
44 of this section who is otherwise qualified to obtain a license, provided

1 such person submits to the Division a certificate in the form prescribed
2 in subdivision (2). ~~Unless sooner revoked, suspended or canceled, such~~
3 ~~license~~ Until a license issued under this subdivision expires or is
4 revoked, the license continues in force as long as the licensee presents
5 to the Division one year from the date of issuance of such license and
6 at yearly intervals thereafter a certificate in the form prescribed in
7 subdivision (2), provided the Commissioner may require the
8 submission of such certificate at six months-six-month intervals where
9 in his opinion public safety demands. In no event shall a license issued
10 pursuant to this section be valid beyond the birthday of the licensee in the
11 fourth year following the year of issuance, at which time the license is
12 subject to renewal."

13 Sec. 3. G.S. 20-37.7(d) reads as rewritten:

14 "(d) ~~A~~ An initial special identification card issued under this section shall expire on
15 the birth date of the holder in the fourth year of issuance. expires on the holder's birthday in
16 the third or subsequent year after the card is issued in which the holder's age is evenly
17 divisible by five. A special identification card renewed under this section expires five
18 years after the expiration date of the card being renewed. The fee for the issuance or
19 reissuance-renewal of a special identification card shall be five dollars (\$5.00) which shall
20 be placed in the Highway Fund; provided that a is one dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1.25)
21 for each year of the period for which the card is issued or renewed. A special
22 identification card may be issued without fee to a resident of North Carolina who is
23 legally blind or has attained the age of 70 years; provided further that the years. The fees
24 collected under this section shall be credited to the Highway Fund. The fees collected
25 for the issuance of special identification cards to persons under the age of 16 shall be
26 placed in a reserve fund to cover the cost of the operation of the program required by
27 this Article."

28 Sec. 4. G.S. 20-37.16(d) reads as rewritten:

29 "(d) The fee for issuance or renewal of a Class A, B, or C commercial ~~driver~~
30 drivers license is forty dollars (\$40.00). ten dollars (\$10.00) for each year of the period
31 for which the license is issued or renewed. Any person applying for a special
32 endorsement or renewal of an endorsement under subsection (c) of this section shall pay
33 an additional five dollars (\$5.00) one dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1.25) a year for each
34 endorsement. The fee required under this section shall be waived for persons who drive
35 a school bus or school activity bus."

36 Sec. 5. This act becomes effective October 1, 1993. A drivers license or a
37 special identification card issued by the Division of Motor Vehicles before October 1,
38 1993, and renewed by the Division after that date shall be considered an initial drivers
39 license or an initial special identification card for purposes of determining when the
40 license or card expires.