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**SENATE DRS15009-LK-9 (1/8)**

Short Title: Drivers License Medical Certification. (Public)

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Sponsors: Senator Soles.

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Referred to:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ALLOW CERTAIN APPLICANTS FOR DRIVERS LICENSES TO  
SUBMIT MEDICAL CERTIFICATES FROM OUT-OF-STATE PHYSICIANS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-9(g)(2) reads as rewritten:

"(g) The Division may issue a driver's license to any applicant covered by subsection (e) of this section under the following conditions:

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(2) The Division shall not issue a license pursuant to this section unless the applicant has submitted to a physical examination by a physician or surgeon duly licensed to practice medicine in this State and unless such examining physician or surgeon has completed and signed the certificate required by subdivision (1). If the applicant is a resident of a county that borders another state, then the applicant may submit a certificate completed and signed by a physician duly licensed to practice in the bordering state and practicing in a county or independent city adjacent to North Carolina. Such certificate shall be devised by the Commissioner with the advice of qualified experts in the field of diagnosing and treating physical and mental disorders as he may select to assist him and shall be designed to elicit the maximum medical information necessary to aid in determining whether or not it would be a hazard to public safety to permit the applicant to operate a motor vehicle, including, if such is the fact, the examining physician's statement that the applicant is under medication and treatment and that such person's physical or mental disability is controlled. The certificate shall contain a waiver of privilege and the recommendation of the

1                   examining physician to the Commissioner as to whether a license  
2                   should be issued to the applicant."

3                   **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.