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**SENATE BILL 2
Health and Human Resources Committee Substitute Adopted 2/26/03**

Short Title: Drivers License Medical Certification.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

February 10, 2003

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ALLOW CERTAIN APPLICANTS FOR DRIVERS LICENSES TO
3 SUBMIT MEDICAL CERTIFICATES FROM OUT-OF-STATE PHYSICIANS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

8 ...

9 (2) The Division shall not issue a license pursuant to this section unless
10 the applicant has submitted to a physical examination by a physician or
11 surgeon duly licensed to practice medicine ~~in this State~~ and unless
12 such examining physician or surgeon has completed and signed the
13 certificate required by subdivision (1). Such certificate shall be devised
14 by the Commissioner with the advice of qualified experts in the field
15 of diagnosing and treating physical and mental disorders as he may
16 select to assist him and shall be designed to elicit the maximum
17 medical information necessary to aid in determining whether or not it
18 would be a hazard to public safety to permit the applicant to operate a
19 motor vehicle, including, if such is the fact, the examining physician's
20 statement that the applicant is under medication and treatment and that
21 such person's physical or mental disability is controlled. The certificate
22 shall contain a waiver of privilege and the recommendation of the
23 examining physician to the Commissioner as to whether a license
24 should be issued to the applicant."

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