

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
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**HOUSE BILL 1606**

Short Title: Drivers License Changes/Older Drivers. (Public)

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Sponsors: Representatives Killian; Daughtry and Walend.

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Referred to: Transportation, if favorable, Aging.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO AMEND THE DRIVERS LICENSE STATUTES TO PROVIDE FOR  
3 MORE FREQUENT TESTING AND SHORTER RENEWAL PERIODS FOR  
4 OLDER DRIVERS.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-7(f)(2) reads as rewritten:

7 "(2) Duration of license for persons at least 18 years of age or older. – A  
8 drivers license issued to a person at least 18 years old but less than ~~54~~  
9 65 years old expires eight years after the date of issuance. A drivers  
10 license issued to a person at least ~~54-65~~ years old but less than 75 years  
11 old expires five years after the date of issuance. A drivers license  
12 issued to a person at least 75 years old but less than 85 years old  
13 expires two years after the date of issuance. A drivers license issued to  
14 a person at least 85 years old expires one year after the date of  
15 issuance."

16 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 20-7 (c) reads as rewritten:

17 "(c) Tests. – To demonstrate physical and mental ability, a person must pass an  
18 examination. The examination may include road tests, vision tests, oral tests, and, in the  
19 case of literate applicants, written tests, as the Division may require. The tests must  
20 ensure that an applicant recognizes the handicapped international symbol of access, as  
21 defined in G.S. 20-37.5. ~~The~~ Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the  
22 Division may not require a person who applies to renew a license that has not expired to  
23 take a written test or a road test unless one or more of the following applies:

- 24 (1) The person has been convicted of a traffic violation since the person's  
25 license was last issued.  
26 (2) The applicant suffers from a mental or physical condition that impairs  
27 the person's ability to drive a motor vehicle.

1        The Division shall require any person who is at least 75 years old to take a road test.  
2        The Division may not require a person who is at least 60 years old to parallel park a  
3        motor vehicle as part of a road test."

4                **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective January 1, 2008.