

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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HOUSE BILL 660  
Committee Substitute Favorable 4/24/17

Short Title: Drivers License/Reciprocity W/Foreign Nation.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

April 11, 2017

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO CLARIFY THAT THE COMMISSIONER OF MOTOR VEHICLES OF  
3 NORTH CAROLINA MAY RECOGNIZE DRIVERS LICENSES ISSUED BY FOREIGN  
4 NATIONS IN SPECIFIED CIRCUMSTANCES.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 SECTION 1. Chapter 20 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new  
7 Article to read:

8 "Article 1D.

9 "Drivers License Reciprocity.

10 "**§ 20-4.35. Reciprocity.**

11 The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles is authorized to recognize foreign-issued  
12 noncommercial drivers licenses as valid in this State for the sole purpose of operation of  
13 noncommercial vehicles by persons who are legally present in this State if the Commissioner  
14 finds that the standards for issuance of drivers licenses by the foreign nation substantially  
15 comply with the standards established by law in this State and that this State's drivers licenses  
16 are also recognized as valid for the purpose of noncommercial operation of vehicles in that  
17 nation. At least 30 days prior to making a determination of reciprocal recognition under this  
18 section, the Commissioner shall notify the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight  
19 Committee. After making a determination of reciprocal recognition as authorized by this  
20 section, the Division shall provide notice of the reciprocal recognition on its Web site."

21 SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.

