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HOUSE BILL 1016

Short Title: 5 Year Drivers License Renewal.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives R. Hunter; Berry, Cole, DeVane, Easterling, Flaherty, and Hall.

Referred to: Transportation.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO CHANGE THE GENERAL DRIVERS LICENSE RENEWAL CYCLE FROM FOUR TO FIVE YEARS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

"(f) A drivers license expires on the birthday of the licensee in the ~~fourth~~ fifth year following the year of issuance; and no new license shall be issued to any operator after the expiration of his license until such operator has again passed the examination specified in this section. Any operator may at any time within 60 days prior to the expiration of his license apply for a new license and if the applicant meets the requirements of this Chapter, the Division shall issue a new license to him. A new license issued within 60 days prior to the expiration of an applicant's old license or within 12 months thereafter shall automatically expire ~~four~~ five years from the date of the expiration of the applicant's old license.

Any person serving in the armed forces of the United States on active duty and holding a valid drivers license properly issued under this section and stationed outside the State of North Carolina may renew his license by making application to the Division by mail. Any other person, except a nonresident as defined in this Article, who holds a valid drivers license issued under this section and who is temporarily residing outside North Carolina, may also renew by making application to the Division by mail. For purposes of this section 'temporarily' shall mean not less than 30 days continuous absence from North Carolina. In either case, the Division may waive the examination and color photograph ordinarily required for the renewal of a drivers license, and may

1 impose in lieu thereof such conditions as it may deem appropriate to each particular
2 application; provided that such license shall expire 30 days after the licensee returns to
3 North Carolina, and such license shall be designated as temporary.

4 Provided further, that no person who applies for the renewal of a drivers license
5 shall be required to take a written examination or road test as a part of any such
6 examination unless such person has been convicted of a traffic violation or had prayer
7 for judgment continued with respect to any traffic violation within a ~~four-year~~ five-year
8 period immediately preceding the date of such person's renewal application or unless
9 such person suffers from a mental or physical condition which impairs his ability to
10 operate a motor vehicle.

11 Provided further, that no person who applies for the renewal of his drivers license
12 and who must take the written examination pursuant to this section shall be issued a
13 renewed license unless such person has furnished the proof of financial responsibility
14 specified in subsection (c1)."

15 Sec. 2. G.S. 20-7(i) reads as rewritten:

16 "(i) The following fees apply to a regular drivers license:

17 Class of Regular License	Fee
18 Class A	\$15.00 <u>\$18.75</u>
19 Class B	15.00 <u>18.75</u>
20 Class C	10.00 <u>12.50</u>

21 The fee for a motorcycle endorsement is five dollars (\$5.00). The appropriate fee must
22 be paid before a person receives a regular drivers license or an endorsement."

23 Sec. 3. This act becomes effective October 1, 1994. A drivers license or
24 special identification card issued by the Division of Motor Vehicles before October 1,
25 1994, and renewed by the Division after that date shall be considered an initial drivers
26 license or an initial special identification card for purposes of determining when the
27 card expires.