

March 4, 1999

H 280. MOTOR VEHICLE TECH. AMENDMENTS. TO AMEND THE MOTOR VEHICLE LAWS TO MAKE TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS. Amends GS 20-9(g)(1) to provide that DMV may prescribe the time intervals at which a disabled driver must submit medical certification for review (was every year), and amends GS 20-16(d) to require that DMV hold a hearing within 60 days (was 30) after receiving a request for hearing from a person whose license has been suspended. Amends GS 20-16.2 to provide that a license revocation for refusal to submit to chemical analysis is effective on the twentieth day after the mailing of the revocation notice (was on the tenth day) and amends GS 20-78(b) to require that DMV maintain records of the issuance of certificates of title for 20 years (was for last two owners of a vehicle). Adds provision to GS 20-79.4(a) that, on or after January 1, 1999, DMV may not issue a new series of special registration plates until receiving 1,000 applications. Amends GS 20-96 to allow a law enforcement officer to stop and seize a property-hauling vehicle when the vehicle is overloaded, has improper registration plates, or is owned by someone who owes overload penalties, assessments or taxes. Amends GS 20-98(2) to specify the passenger vehicle registration fee for U-Drive-It Passenger Trucks. Makes other technical changes. Act is effective October 1, 1999.

Intro. by Cole.

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GS 20

April 12, 1999

H 280. MOTOR VEHICLE TECH. AMENDMENTS. Intro. 3/4/99. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Deletes amendment to GS 20-16.2(d). Amends GS 20-63(g) to include as a Class 2 misdemeanor the covering of any number or sticker on a registration plate with any material that makes the number or sticker illegible. Adds to amendment of GS 20-78(b) that Division, after 20 years, shall maintain record of last two vehicle owners. Modifies amendment to GS 20-79.4(a) to provide that on or after Jan. 1, 2000, all special plates shall require 1,000 applications before issuance of new plate series by Division. Adds amendment to GS 20-79.4(b)(27) to delete requirement that military retiree plate may not be issued unless there are 300 applications for plate. Effective Oct. 1, 2000, changes time periods in amendment to GS 20-309(e) from three working days to ten business days and also provides that insurance company with less than \$25 million in annual vehicle insurance premium volume may submit notices required under section by paper or electronic means. Effective July 1, 1999, adds amendment to GS 20-11(k) to delete provision that each permit or license issued under section shall be limited to maximum of two supervising drivers. Adds provision requiring Division to develop plan to improve system of collecting and maintaining proof of financial responsibility for newly licensed drivers classified as inexperienced operators; Division must submit report to Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee by Dec. 1, 1999.

April 20, 1999

H 280. MOTOR VEHICLE TECH. AMENDMENTS. Intro. 4/20/99. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 3rd edition. Amends GS 20-11(e), effective July 1, 1999, to change from 9:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. as the latest time of day that person with limited provisional license may drive. Adds provision to amendment of GS 20-96(a) (detaining property-hauling vehicles) to provide that officer may detain vehicle until delinquent penalties and taxes are paid and, in case of vehicle that does not have proper registration plate, until the proper registration plate is secured.

April 23, 1999

H 280. MOTOR VEHICLE TECH. AMENDMENTS. Intro. 3/4/99. House amendments make the following changes to 3rd edition. (1) Deletes bill's provision amending GS 20-79.4(a) (concerning special registration plates); and (2) Adds a provision amending GS 20-183.8(b) (which provides defenses to inspection sticker infractions) to add as a defense that the vehicle was subject to an emissions inspection and was inspected within 10 days of the expiration date of the sticker that was on the vehicle when the citation was issued.

June 15, 1999

H 280. MOTOR VEHICLE TECH. AMENDMENTS. Intro. 3/4/99. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 4th edition. (1) Deletes provision amending GS 20-11(e) extending the late limit on authorized driving under a limited provisional license from 9:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. (2) GS 20-63(g) makes it a class 2 misdemeanor to cover or alter a registration plate in many specified ways. The bill in the 4th edition added to that misdemeanor list, making it a misdemeanor to cover any number or sticker on the registration plate with any material that makes the number or sticker illegible. This committee substitute deletes that addition and instead adds a provision making it an infraction to cover a number or sticker on a registration plate in that way. (3) GS 20-309(e) requires the insurer to notify the Division of Motor Vehicles upon the termination of a driver's insurance policy. The 4th edition added a provision specifying that the notice must be given within 10 days. This committee substitute changes that to 20 days. (4) The 4th edition contained a provision amending GS 20-309(e) specifying that insurers must notify DMV of new policies for insurance with 10 days. This committee substitute changes that to 20 days and adds a provision specifying that the beginning date and termination date of insurance coverage provided to DMV by the insurer constitute a trade secret under GS 132-1.2. (5) The 4th edition amended GS 20-183.8(b) to add a defense to an infraction violation for failure to have a current emissions inspection that the vehicle was inspected after the citation was issued and within 10 days of the date of its expiration. This committee substitute makes that 30 days.

July 8, 1999

H 280. MOTOR VEHICLE TECH. AMENDMENTS. Intro. 3/4/99. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 5th edition: (1) adds new GS 20-4.01(48.1) to define "U-drive-it vehicles" to be those vehicles rented and operated by a person as follows: (a) a private passenger vehicle other than one with a capacity of nine passengers or less that is rented for a term of less than one year or one that is rented to public school authorities for driver-training instruction, (b) a property-hauling vehicle under 7,000 pounds that does not haul products for hire and that is rented for a term of less than one year, and (c) motorcycles; (2) makes conforming changes to GS 20-4.01(27)e., GS 105-551(a), and GS 105-552(b); and (3) amends GS 105-259(b)(7) to allow state officials to exchange tax information with the International Fuel Tax Ass'n as well as the Div'n of Motor Vehicles when the information is needed to fulfill a duty imposed on the Dep't of Revenue or DMV.

July 12, 1999

H 280. MOTOR VEHICLE TECH. AMENDMENTS. Intro. 3/4/99. Senate amendment makes the following changes to 6th edition. Amends GS 20-4.19 to provide that a nonresident may be required to post collateral or bond to secure appearance if the offense is one which would result in the suspension or revocation of license in NC (now, nonresident not entitled to be released on personal recognizance). New provision effective when act becomes law. Provides that amendment to GS 20-309, notifying Division of cancellation of insurance policy, is effective Oct. 1, 2000.

July 13, 1999

H 280. MOTOR VEHICLE TECH. AMENDMENTS. Intro. 3/4/99. Senate amendment makes the following changes to 6th edition. Requires act of covering of a registration sticker on a registration plate so that the sticker is illegible to be intentional to constitute an infraction.

July 19, 1999

H 280. MOTOR VEHICLE TECH. AMENDMENTS. Intro. 3/4/99. Conference report recommends the following changes to 7th edition to reconcile matters in controversy. Amends GS 20-4.01(48.1) to exclude from the definition of "U-drive-it vehicles" private passenger vehicles of nine-passenger capacity that are rented for a term of one year or more (was, for less than one year).