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S 154. 8-YEAR DRIVERS LICENSE/INTERNET DL RENEWAL (=H 267). *TO AUTHORIZE EIGHT-YEAR DRIVERS LICENSES AND INTERNET RENEWAL OF DRIVERS LICENSES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE TRANSPORTATION OVERSIGHT*

COMMITTEE. Amends GS 20-7(f) to provide that drivers licenses will be issued for the following time periods: (1) if person is under 18, license will expire on person's 21st birthday; (2) if person is 18-37 years old, license will expire eight years after issuance; (3) a drivers license issued to all other persons will expire five years after issuance (was, first license issued to person 17 years old expired on person's 20th birthday and other licenses expired generally in fifth year after issuance). Authorizes Div'n of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to electronically renew licenses for one additional five-year period, and waive the vision and sign tests for electronic renewals, if person is at least 25 years old and less than 60 years old and: (1) has no more than two reportable accidents and no restrictions (other than for corrective lenses) in the previous year; (2) has four or fewer drivers license points; and (3) has obtained an eye examination within previous 12 months and results are submitted to DMV by license ophthalmologist or optometrist. Provides that commercial drivers licenses subject to federal retesting requirements may not be renewed electronically. Effective January 1, 2006.

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