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Short Title: DMV Inspection Station Case Continuances. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Torbett.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE CONTINUANCES OF DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES  
3 INSPECTION STATION VIOLATION CASES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT  
4 LEGISLATIVE TRANSPORTATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 SECTION 1. G.S. 20-183.8G reads as rewritten:

7 "§ 20-183.8G. Administrative and judicial review.

8 (a) Right to Hearing. – A person who applies for a license or registration under this Part  
9 or who has a license or registration issued under this Part has the right to a hearing when any of  
10 the following occurs:

- 11 (1) The Division denies the person's application for a license or registration.
- 12 (2) The Division delivers to the person a written statement of charges of a  
13 violation that could result in the suspension or revocation of the person's  
14 license.
- 15 (3) The Division summarily suspends or revokes the person's license following  
16 review and authorization of the proposed adverse action by a judge.
- 17 (4) The Division assesses a civil penalty against the person.
- 18 (5) The Division issues a warning letter to the person.
- 19 (6) The Division cancels the person's registration.

20 (b) Hearing After Statement of Charges. – When a license holder receives a statement  
21 of charges of a violation that could result in the suspension or revocation of the person's  
22 license, the person can obtain a hearing by making a request for a hearing. The person must  
23 make the request to the Division within 10 days after receiving the statement of the charges. A  
24 person who does not request a hearing within this time limit waives the right to a hearing.

25 The Division must hold a hearing requested under this subsection within 30 days after  
26 receiving the ~~request~~ request, unless the matter is continued for good cause. The hearing must  
27 be held at the location designated by the Division. Suspension or revocation of the license is  
28 stayed until a decision is made following the hearing.

29 If a person does not request a hearing within the time allowed for making the request, the  
30 proposed suspension or revocation becomes effective the day after the time for making the  
31 request ends. If a person requests a hearing but does not attend the hearing, the proposed  
32 suspension or revocation becomes effective the day after the date set for the hearing.

33 (c) Hearing After Summary Action. – When the Division summarily suspends a license  
34 issued under this Part after judicial review and authorization of the proposed action, the person  
35 whose license was suspended or revoked may obtain a hearing by filing with the Division a  
36 written request for a hearing. The request must be filed within 10 days after the person was



1 notified of the summary action. The Division must hold a hearing requested under this  
2 subsection within 14 days after receiving the request.

3 (d) All Other Hearings. – When this section gives a person the right to a hearing and  
4 subsection (b) or (c) of this section does not apply to the hearing, the person may obtain a  
5 hearing by filing with the Division a written request for a hearing. The request must be filed  
6 within 10 days after the person receives written notice of the action for which a hearing is  
7 requested. The Division must hold a hearing within 90 days after the Division receives the  
8 ~~request.~~request, unless the matter is continued for good cause.

9 (e) Review by Commissioner. – The Commissioner may conduct a hearing required  
10 under this section or may designate a person to conduct the hearing. When a person designated  
11 by the Commissioner holds a hearing and makes a decision, the person who requested the  
12 hearing has the right to request the Commissioner to review the decision. The procedure set by  
13 the Division governs the review by the Commissioner of a decision made by a person  
14 designated by the Commissioner.

15 (f) Decision. – Upon the Commissioner's review of a decision made after a hearing on  
16 the imposition of a monetary penalty against a motorist for an emissions violation or on a Type  
17 I, II, or III violation by a license holder, the Commissioner must uphold any monetary penalty,  
18 license suspension, license revocation, or warning required by G.S. 20-183.7A, G.S. 20-183.8A  
19 or G.S. 20-183.8B, respectively, if the decision is based on evidence presented at the hearing  
20 that supports the hearing officer's determination that the motorist or license holder committed  
21 the act for which the monetary penalty, license suspension, license revocation, or warning was  
22 imposed. Pursuant to the authority under G.S. 20-183.7A(c) and G.S. 20-183.8B(c), the  
23 Commissioner may order a suspension for a first occurrence Type I violation of a station to be  
24 stayed upon reasonable compliance terms to be determined by the Commissioner. Pursuant to  
25 the authority under G.S. 20-183.7A(d1) and G.S. 183.8B(c2), the Commissioner may order the  
26 suspensions against a license holder to run consecutively or concurrently. The Commissioner  
27 may uphold, dismiss, or modify a decision made after a hearing on any other action.

28 (g) Judicial Review. – Article 4 of Chapter 150B of the General Statutes governs  
29 judicial review of an administrative decision made under this section."

30 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2014.