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HOUSE BILL DRH10044-ML-56 (01/30)

Short Title: Drivers License/Hearing Impaired Designation. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Insko.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO DEVELOP A  
3 DESIGNATION FOR DRIVERS LICENSES THAT MAY BE GRANTED UPON  
4 REQUEST TO A PERSON WITH A HEARING IMPAIRMENT.  
5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:  
6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-7 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:  
7 "(q2) Hearing Impaired Designation. – The Division shall develop, in consultation with the  
8 Department of Public Safety and the State Highway Patrol, a designation for drivers licenses that  
9 may, upon request, be granted to North Carolina residents with a hearing impairment. An  
10 applicant requesting a designation under this subsection must provide the Division with a letter  
11 from the applicant's primary care provider certifying that the applicant has a hearing impairment.  
12 Nothing in this subsection shall be construed as authorizing the issuance of a drivers license to a  
13 person ineligible under G.S. 20-9."  
14 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.



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