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SENATE BILL DRS15133-NE-79

Short Title: Inexperienced Operator Continuous Coverage. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Johnson (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT REQUIRING DRIVERS SUBJECT TO THE INEXPERIENCED DRIVER  
3 PREMIUM SURCHARGE TO MAINTAIN OR BENEFIT FROM CONTINUOUS  
4 LIABILITY COVERAGE.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-16 reads as rewritten:

7 **"§ 20-16. Authority of Division to suspend license.**

8 (a) The Division shall have authority to suspend the license of any operator with or  
9 without a preliminary hearing upon a showing by its records or other satisfactory evidence that  
10 the licensee:

11 ...  
12 (6a) Has violated G.S. 20-309(a3);  
13 ...."

14 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 20-309 reads as rewritten:

15 **"§ 20-309. Financial responsibility prerequisite to registration; must be maintained**  
16 **throughout registration period.**

17 ...  
18 (a3) No person subject to an inexperienced operator premium surcharge pursuant to  
19 G.S. 58-36-65(k) shall operate a motor vehicle unless the liability insurance policy benefiting  
20 that person includes any required premium surcharge. This subsection shall not apply to persons  
21 who demonstrate financial responsibility in an authorized manner other than a liability insurance  
22 policy.  
23 ...."

24 **SECTION 3.** G.S. 20-309.2 reads as rewritten:

25 **"§ 20-309.2. Insurer shall notify Division of actions on insurance policies.**

26 (a) Notice Required. – An insurer shall notify the Division upon any of the following  
27 with regard to a motor vehicle liability policy:

28 ...  
29 (4) A person subject to an inexperienced operator premium surcharge pursuant to  
30 G.S. 58-36-65(k) is added or removed from the policy's coverage.

31 (a1) Division Records. – The Division shall ensure that its records accurately reflect the  
32 insurance coverage status ~~of~~ of: (i) each owner of a motor vehicle registered or required to be  
33 registered in this State and (ii) persons subject to an inexperienced operator premium surcharge  
34 pursuant to G.S. 58-36-65 by reconciling all notices received under this section pertaining to that  
35 individual or motor vehicle owner. A termination notice received under subdivision (2) of  
36 subsection (a) of this section shall not be recorded as a lapse in financial responsibility or initiate



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1 action by the Division under G.S. 20-311 if an earlier notice received by the Division under this  
2 section establishes that the owner of the motor vehicle has met the duty to have continuous  
3 financial responsibility for the vehicle, as required under G.S. 20-309, through a motor vehicle  
4 liability policy that is not the subject of the later termination notice.

5 ...."

6 **SECTION 4.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2025.