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HOUSE BILL DRH30075-Nef-14B

Short Title: The Vehicle Registration Convenience Act. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Echevarria.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT ENACTING THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION CONVENIENCE ACT  
AUTHORIZING VEHICLE OWNERS TO ELECT THE MONTH OF REGISTRATION  
RENEWAL.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**PART I. AUTHORIZE VEHICLE OWNERS TO ELECT MONTH OF REGISTRATION  
RENEWAL**

**SECTION 1.(a)** This act shall be known as "The Vehicle Registration Convenience  
Act."

**SECTION 1.(b)** G.S. 20-66 reads as rewritten:

**"§ 20-66. Renewal of vehicle registration.**

(a) Annual Renewal. – When a vehicle registration is initially issued, the owner shall elect a month within 12 months of issuance upon which the vehicle's registration expires. The initial registration expires at midnight on the last day of the month elected by the owner. The registration of a vehicle must thereafter be renewed annually.

(a1) Issuance Fees. – The fee for the initial issuance of vehicle registration shall be determined as follows:

(1) For a vehicle whose owner has elected for the month of issuance to be the month of renewal, the issuance fee shall be the annual fee provided in Part 7 of this Article, subject to any proration required by G.S. 20-95.

(2) For a vehicle whose owner has elected a month of renewal that differs from the month of issuance, the issuance fee shall be one-twelfth of the annual fee provided in Part 7 of this Article multiplied by the number of full months in the period beginning the date the registration was issued until the date the registration expires, rounded to the nearest dollar.

(a2) Notice. – In accordance with G.S. 105-330.5(b), upon receiving written consent from the owner of the vehicle, the Division may send to an email address provided by the owner of the vehicle any required notice of renewal electronically to an e-mail address provided by the owner of the vehicle renewal.

(a3) Renewal Application. – To renew the registration of a vehicle, the owner of the vehicle must file an application with the Division and pay the required registration fee. The owner of a vehicle registered in North Carolina may renew that vehicle registration by mail. The Division may receive and grant an application for renewal of registration at any time before the registration expires.

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1           **SECTION 1.(c)** G.S. 20-52 reads as rewritten:

2   "**§ 20-52. Application for registration and certificate of title.**

3       (a)   An owner of a vehicle subject to registration must apply to the Division for a  
4   certificate of title, a registration plate, and a registration card for the vehicle. To apply, an owner  
5   must complete an application provided by the Division. The application shall contain a preprinted  
6   option that co-owners may use to title the vehicle as a joint tenancy with right of survivorship.  
7   The co-owners' designation of a joint tenancy with right of survivorship on the application shall  
8   be valid notwithstanding whether this designation appears on the assignment of title. The  
9   application must request all of the following information and may request other information the  
10   Division considers necessary:

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12           (8)   A statement indicating the month of registration renewal the owner elects  
13                   under G.S. 20-66.

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16   **PART II. EFFECTIVE DATE**

17           **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective January 1, 2026, and applies to vehicle  
18   registrations issued or renewed on or after that date.