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Short Title: Expand Remote Drivers License Services.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE ADDITIONAL REMOTE RENEWALS OF DRIVERS LICENSES
3 AND TO ELIMINATE THE DRIVING LOG REQUIREMENT AND AUTHORIZE
4 REMOTE ISSUANCE FOR FULL PROVISIONAL LICENSES.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 SECTION 1. G.S. 20-7(f) reads as rewritten:

7 "(f) Duration and Renewal of Licenses. – Drivers licenses shall be issued and renewed
8 pursuant to the provisions of this subsection:

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10 (6) Remote ~~renewal~~ renewal, issuance, or conversion. – Subject to the following
11 requirements and limitations, the Division may offer remote renewal of a
12 drivers ~~license~~ license, remote issuance of a full provisional license, or remote
13 conversion of a full provisional license issued by the Division:

14 a. Requirements. – To be eligible for remote ~~renewal~~ renewal, issuance,
15 or conversion under this subdivision, a person must meet all of the
16 following requirements:

17 1. The license holder possesses ~~either~~ (i) a valid Class C drivers
18 license or license, (ii) a valid limited provisional license and is
19 at least 16 years old but less than 18 years old at the time of the
20 remote issuance, or (iii) a valid full provisional license and is
21 at least 18 years old at the time of the remote conversion.

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23 4. For a remote renewal, the most recent ~~renewal was an~~
24 ~~in-person renewal~~ transaction was in person and included a
25 new color photograph of the license holder and was not a
26 remote renewal under this subdivision. ~~subdivision, except that~~
27 a license holder may remotely renew a license a second
28 consecutive time if either of the following apply:

29 I. The license being renewed is not REAL ID compliant
30 pursuant to the REAL ID Act of 2005, 49 U.S.C. §
31 30301.

32 II. The license being renewed is REAL ID compliant but
33 is being converted to a non-REAL ID compliant license
34 for purposes of the renewal.

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1 f. Definition. – For purposes of this subdivision, "remote ~~renewal~~
2 renewal, issuance, or conversion" means renewal of a drivers ~~license~~
3 license, issuance of a full provisional license, or conversion of a full
4 provisional license by mail, telephone, electronic device, or other
5 secure means approved by the Commissioner.

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7 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 20-11(f) reads as rewritten:

8 "(f) Level 3. – A person who is at least 16 years old but less than 18 years old may obtain
9 a full provisional license if the person meets all of the following requirements:

- 10 (1) Has held a limited provisional license issued by the Division for at least six
11 months.
- 12 (2) Has not been convicted of a motor vehicle moving violation or seat belt
13 infraction or a violation of G.S. 20-137.3 during the preceding six months.
- 14 (3) Has a driving eligibility certificate or a high school diploma or its equivalent.
- 15 (4) ~~Has completed a driving log, on a form approved by the Division, detailing a~~
16 ~~minimum of 12 hours as the operator of a motor vehicle of a class for which~~
17 ~~the driver is licensed. The log must show at least six hours of the required~~
18 ~~driving occurred during nighttime hours. The driving log must be signed by~~
19 ~~the supervising driver for any hours driven outside the provisions of~~
20 ~~subdivision (e)(2) of this section and submitted to the Division at the time the~~
21 ~~applicant seeks to obtain a full provisional license. If the Division has cause~~
22 ~~to believe that a driving log has been falsified, the limited provisional licensee~~
23 ~~shall be required to complete a new driving log with the same requirements~~
24 ~~and shall not be eligible to obtain a full provisional license for six months.~~

25 A person who meets these requirements may obtain a full provisional license ~~by mail, remotely,~~
26 as provided in G.S. 20-7(f)(6)."

27 **SECTION 3.** Part V of S.L. 2025-72 is repealed.

28 **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to licenses issued
29 or renewed on or after that date.