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SENATE BILL DRS45455-NEa-145

Short Title: Drivers License Reciprocity/Taiwan. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Alexander, Lee, and Daniel (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO CLARIFY THAT THE COMMISSIONER OF MOTOR VEHICLES OF NORTH  
3 CAROLINA MAY ENTER INTO MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION AND  
4 LICENSING RECIPROCITY AGREEMENTS WITH FOREIGN NATIONS AND TO  
5 DIRECT THE COMMISSIONER OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO NEGOTIATE A  
6 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING REGARDING THE EXCHANGE OF  
7 NONCOMMERCIAL DRIVERS LICENSES WITH TAIWAN.  
8 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:  
9 SECTION 1. G.S. 20-4.4 reads as rewritten:  
10 "§ 20-4.4. Authority for reciprocity agreements; provisions; reciprocity standards.  
11 (a) The Commissioner may enter into an agreement or arrangement for ~~interstate or~~  
12 ~~intrastate~~ operations with the duly authorized representatives of another jurisdiction, granting to  
13 vehicles or to owners of vehicles which are properly registered or licensed in such jurisdiction  
14 and for which evidence of compliance is supplied, benefits, privileges and exemptions from the  
15 payment, wholly or partially, of any taxes, fees, or other charges imposed upon such vehicles or  
16 owners with respect to the operation or ownership of such vehicles under the laws of this State.  
17 Such an agreement or arrangement shall provide that vehicles properly registered or licensed in  
18 this State when operated upon highways of such other jurisdiction shall receive exemptions,  
19 benefits and privileges of a similar kind or to a similar degree as are extended to vehicles properly  
20 registered or licensed in such jurisdiction when operated in this State. Each such agreement or  
21 arrangement shall, in the judgment of the Commissioner, be in the best interest of this State and  
22 the citizens thereof and shall be fair and equitable to this State and the citizens thereof, and all of  
23 the same shall be determined on the basis and recognition of the benefits which accrue to the  
24 economy of this State from the uninterrupted flow of commerce.  
25 ...."  
26 SECTION 2. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles (Commissioner) shall evaluate  
27 whether the Department of Transportation, Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV), and the Republic  
28 of China (Taiwan) have established comparable knowledge, skill, and testing requirements for  
29 drivers license applicants prior to the drivers license being issued. Provided that the DMV and  
30 Taiwan have established comparable requirements and testing standards, no later than January 1,  
31 2027, the Commissioner shall negotiate a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the  
32 Ministry of Transportation and Communication of Taiwan related solely to the exchange of  
33 noncommercial drivers licenses. No later than October 1, 2027, the Commissioner shall report to  
34 the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee on the status of the memorandum of  
35 understanding.



- 1           **SECTION 3.** There is appropriated from the Highway Fund to the Department of  
2 Transportation, Division of Motor Vehicles, the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) in  
3 nonrecurring funds for the 2026-2027 fiscal year to be used to conduct a public awareness  
4 campaign regarding the reciprocity authorized by this act.  
5           **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law.