

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**HOUSE BILL 211**

Short Title: Various DMV Changes.-AB (Public)

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Sponsors: Representative Shepard.

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Referred to: Transportation, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

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February 28, 2019

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO MOTOR VEHICLE LAWS OF THE STATE.  
3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**ELECTRIC VEHICLE DEFINITION CLARIFICATIONS**

**SECTION 1.(a)** G.S. 20-4.01(12a) reads as rewritten:

"(12a) Fuel cell electric vehicle. – A four-wheeled motor vehicle that does not have the ability to be propelled by a gasoline engine and that meets each of the following requirements:

- a. Is made by a manufacturer primarily for use on public streets, roads, and highways and meets National Highway Traffic Safety Administration standards included in 49 C.F.R. § 571.
- b. Has not been modified from original manufacturer specifications with regard to power train or any manner of powering the vehicle.
- c. Uses hydrogen and a fuel cell to produce electricity on board to power an electric motor to propel the vehicle.
- d. Is rated at not more than 8,500 pounds unloaded gross vehicle weight.
- e. Has a maximum speed capability of at least 65 miles per hour."

**SECTION 1.(b)** G.S. 20-4.01(28a) reads as rewritten:

"(28a) Plug-in electric vehicle. – A four-wheeled motor vehicle that does not have the ability to be propelled by a gasoline engine and that meets each of the following requirements:

- a. Is made by a manufacturer primarily for use on public streets, roads, and highways and meets National Highway Traffic Safety Administration standards included in 49 C.F.R. § 571.
- b. Has not been modified from original manufacturer specifications with regard to power train or any manner of powering the vehicle.
- c. Is rated at not more than 8,500 pounds unloaded gross vehicle weight.
- d. Has a maximum speed capability of at least 65 miles per hour.
- e. Draws electricity from a battery that has all of the following characteristics:
  1. A capacity of not less than four kilowatt hours.
  2. Capable of being recharged from an external source of electricity."



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**MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION CARD SIGNATURE LINE REMOVAL**

**SECTION 2.** G.S. 20-57(b) reads as rewritten:

"(b) The registration card shall be delivered to the owner and shall contain upon the face thereof the name and address of the owner, ~~space for the owner's signature,~~ the registration number assigned to the vehicle, and a description of the vehicle as determined by the Commissioner, provided that if there are more than two owners the Division may show only two owners on the registration card and indicate that additional owners exist by placing after the names listed "et al." An owner may obtain a copy of a registration card issued in the owner's name by applying to the Division for a copy and paying the fee set in G.S. 20-85."

**REMOTE CONVERSION OF FULL PROVISIONAL LICENSES**

**SECTION 3.(a)** G.S. 20-7(f)(1) reads as rewritten:

"(1) Duration of license for persons under age 18. – A full provisional license issued to a person under the age of 18 expires ~~on the~~ 60 days following the person's twenty-first birthday."

**SECTION 3.(b)** G.S. 20-7(f)(6) reads as rewritten:

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

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

1. The license holder possesses either (i) a valid, unexpired valid Class C drivers license that was issued when the person was at least 18 years old. license, or (ii) a valid full provisional license and is at least 18 years old at the time of the remote conversion.
2. The license holder's current license includes no restrictions other than a restriction for corrective lenses.
3. The license holder attests, in a manner designated by the Division, that (i) the license holder is a resident of the State and currently resides at the address on the license to be ~~renewed,~~ renewed or converted, (ii) the license holder's name as it appears on the license to be renewed or converted has not changed, and (iii) all other information required by the Division for an in-person renewal under this Article has been provided completely and truthfully. If the license holder does not currently reside at the address on the license to be renewed or converted, the license holder may comply with the address requirement of this sub-sub-subdivision by providing the address at which the license holder resides at the time of the remote renewal or conversion request.
4. ~~The~~ For a remote renewal, the most recent renewal was an in-person renewal and not a remote renewal under this subdivision.
5. The license holder is otherwise eligible for renewal or conversion under this subsection.

b. Waiver of requirements. – When renewing or converting a drivers license pursuant to this subdivision, the Division may waive the examination and photograph that would otherwise be required for the ~~renewal.~~ renewal or conversion.

- 1                   c.       Duration of remote ~~renewal~~ renewal or conversion. – A ~~renewed~~  
2                   drivers license issued to a person by remote renewal or conversion  
3                   under this subdivision expires according to the following schedule:  
4                   1.       For a person at least 18 years old but less than 66 years old, on  
5                   the birthday of the licensee in the eighth year after issuance.  
6                   2.       For a person at least 66 years old, on the birthday of the  
7                   licensee in the fifth year after issuance.  
8                   d.       Rules. – The Division shall adopt rules to implement this subdivision.  
9                   e.       Federal law. – Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to  
10                   supersede any more restrictive provisions for renewal or conversion of  
11                   drivers licenses prescribed by federal law or regulation.  
12                   f.       Definition. – For purposes of this subdivision, "remote ~~renewal~~"  
13                   renewal or conversion" means renewal of a drivers license or  
14                   conversion of a full provisional license by mail, telephone, electronic  
15                   device, or other secure means approved by the Commissioner."  
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17 **EFFECTIVE DATE**

18                   **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law.