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Short Title: Various DMV Changes.-AB

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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:

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5 **ELECTRIC VEHICLE DEFINITION CLARIFICATIONS**

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

7 "(12a) Fuel cell electric vehicle. – A four-wheeled motor vehicle that does not have
8 the ability to be propelled by a gasoline engine and that meets each of the
9 following requirements:

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

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

20 "(28a) Plug-in electric vehicle. – A four-wheeled motor vehicle that does not have
21 the ability to be propelled by a gasoline engine and that meets each of the
22 following requirements:

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

46 b. Waiver of requirements. – When renewing or converting a drivers
47 license pursuant to this subdivision, the Division may waive the
48 examination and photograph that would otherwise be required for the
49 ~~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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**LIABILITY INSURANCE LAPSE PENALTY WAIVER FOR VEHICLES
SUBSEQUENTLY REGISTERED OUT-OF-STATE**

SECTION 4. G.S. 20-311 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(g1) Out-of-State Waiver. – Notwithstanding the penalty and restoration fee provisions of this section, any monetary penalty or restoration fee shall be waived for any person who meets all of the following requirements:

- 23 (1) The owner has become a resident of another state and has registered the
- 24 owner's vehicle in that state within 30 days of the cancellation or expiration
- 25 of the owner's North Carolina motor vehicle liability policy.
- 26 (2) The owner has submitted a copy of their current out-of-state registration card
- 27 to the Division.
- 28 (3) The owner has returned the North Carolina registration plate or has submitted
- 29 an affidavit indicating that the North Carolina registration plate has been lost,
- 30 stolen, or destroyed."
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EFFECTIVE DATE

SECTION 5. This act is effective when it becomes law.