GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 786

Short Title:	Restricted Instruction Permit Vision Tests.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Senator Hise (Primary Sponsor).	
Referred to:	Appropriations/Base Budget	

May 26, 2022

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT AUTHORIZING DRIVER EDUCATION AND LICENSED COMMERCIAL DRIVING TRAINING SCHOOL INSTRUCTORS TO ADMINISTER VISION TESTING OR EYE EXAMS REQUIRED FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A RESTRICTED INSTRUCTION PERMIT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 20-7 reads as rewritten:

"**§ 20-7. Issuance and renewal of drivers licenses.**

…

(m1) Restricted Instruction Permit Vision Tests. – A driver training instructor qualified under G.S. 115C-215(e) or G.S. 20-323(b) may also administer the vision test required for the issuance of a restricted instruction permit if both of the following apply:

(1) The instructor demonstrates an ability to properly administer vision tests pursuant to standards established by the Division.

(2) The tested applicant is enrolled in a driver education program that is approved by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction and is offered at a public high school, a nonpublic secondary school, or a licensed drivers training school. The Division may adopt temporary and permanent rules to implement the provisions of this subsection.

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SECTION 2. There is appropriated from the Highway Fund to the Department of Transportation, Division of Motor Vehicles, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars ($100,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2022-2023 fiscal year to be used to implement the provisions of this act.

SECTION 3. Section 1 of this act becomes effective October 1, 2022. Section 2 of this act becomes effective July 1, 2022. The remainder of this act is effective when it becomes law.