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HOUSE BILL 1159*
Committee Substitute Favorable 4/23/03

Short Title: Military Expiration of Drivers License. (Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

April 10, 2003

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A MILITARY DRIVERS LICENSE EXPIRATION
3 PROCEDURE WITHIN THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-7 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

6 "(q) Military Expiration and Renewal. – The Division of Motor Vehicles shall
7 develop a 'military' designation for drivers licenses. These licenses shall:

8 (1) Be issued, upon request, to North Carolina residents on active duty and
9 to their spouses and dependent children.

10 (2) Be renewed by mail no more than two times under this subsection.

11 (3) Be renewed up to one year prior to expiration upon the presentation of
12 military or Department of Defense credentials.

13 (4) Be renewed without a vision test if the member is deployed to a
14 combat zone or a qualified hazardous duty zone."

15 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 20-7 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

16 "(r) National Guard and Reserve. – A license holder who is a member of the
17 National Guard or of a Reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United States
18 shall be exempt from any required eye exam when renewing a drivers license if, at the
19 time of renewal, the license holder is serving in a combat or qualified hazardous duty
20 zone."

21 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective January 1, 2004.