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SENATE DRS35117-SU-4 (3/10)

Short Title: Two-Year Vehicle Registration/Eight-Year DL. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Albertson.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO CHANGE THE RENEWAL PERIOD FOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION
TO TWO YEARS AND TO CHANGE THE RENEWAL PERIOD FOR DRIVERS
LICENSES TO EIGHT YEARS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 20-66(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) Annual Renewal. – The registration of a vehicle must be renewed ~~annually~~
every two years. To renew the registration of a vehicle, the owner of the vehicle must
file an application with the Division and pay the required registration fee. The Division
may receive and grant an application for renewal of registration at any time before the
registration expires."

SECTION 2. G.S. 20-87 reads as rewritten:

"§ 20-87. Passenger vehicle registration fees.

These fees shall be paid to the Division ~~annually~~per year for the registration and
licensing of passenger vehicles, according to the following classifications and
schedules:

- (1) For-Hire Passenger Vehicles. – The fee for a passenger vehicle that is
operated for compensation and has a capacity of 15 passengers or less
is seventy-eight dollars (\$78.00). The fee for a passenger vehicle that
is operated for compensation and has a capacity of more than 15
passengers is one dollar and forty cents (\$1.40) per hundred pounds of
empty weight of the vehicle.
- (2) U-Drive-It Vehicles. – U-drive-it vehicles shall pay the following tax:

Motorcycles: 1-passenger capacity	\$18.00
2-passenger capacity	22.00
3-passenger capacity	26.00
Automobiles: 15 or fewer passengers	\$41.00

- 1 (8) Driveaway Companies. – Any person engaged in the business of
2 driving new motor vehicles from the place of manufacture to the place
3 of sale in this State for compensation shall pay a fee of one-half of the
4 amount that would otherwise be payable under this section for each set
5 of plates.
- 6 (9) House Trailers. – In lieu of other registration and license fees levied on
7 house trailers under this section or G.S. 20-88, the registration and
8 license fee on house trailers shall be seven dollars (\$7.00) for the
9 license year or any portion thereof.
- 10 (10) Special Mobile Equipment. – The fee for special mobile equipment for
11 the license year or any part of the license year is two times the fee in
12 subdivision (5) for a private passenger motor vehicle of not more than
13 15 passengers.
- 14 (11) Any vehicle fee determined under this section according to the weight
15 of the vehicle shall be increased by the sum of three dollars (\$3.00) to
16 arrive at the total fee.
- 17 (12) Low-Speed Vehicles. – The fee for a low-speed vehicle is the same as
18 the fee for private passengers vehicles of not more than 15
19 passengers."

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

21 "(f) Duration and Renewal of Licenses. – ~~Expiration and Temporary License.~~—
22 ~~The first drivers license the Division issues to a person expires on the person's fourth or~~
23 ~~subsequent birthday that occurs after the license is issued and on which the individual's~~
24 ~~age is evenly divisible by five, unless this subsection sets a different expiration date. A~~
25 ~~first drivers license may be issued for a shorter duration if the Division determines that a~~
26 ~~license of shorter duration should be issued when the applicant holds a visa of limited~~
27 ~~duration issued by the United States Department of State. The first drivers license the~~
28 ~~Division issues to a person who is at least 17years old but is less than 18 years old~~
29 ~~expires on the person's twentieth birthday. The first drivers license the Division issues~~
30 ~~to a person who is at least 62 years old expires on the person's birthday in the fifth year~~
31 ~~after the license is issued, whether or not the person's age on that birthday is evenly~~
32 ~~divisible by five.~~

33 Drivers licenses shall be issued and renewed pursuant to the provisions of this
34 subsection.

- 35 (1) Duration of license for persons under age 18. – A full provisional
36 license issued to a person under the age of 18 shall expire on the
37 person's 21st birthday.
- 38 (2) Duration of license for persons at least 18 years of age or older. – A
39 drivers license issued to a person at least 18 years old but less than 38
40 years old expires eight years after the date of issuance. A drivers
41 license issued to a person at least 57 years old expires five years after
42 the date of issuance.
- 43 (3) Duration of license for certain visa holders. – A drivers license that
44 was issued by the Division and is renewed by the Division expires five

1 ~~years~~ at the end of the period provided by this subsection after the
2 expiration date of the license that is renewed unless the Division
3 determines that a license of shorter duration should be issued when the
4 applicant holds a visa of limited duration from the United States
5 Department of State. A person may apply to the Division to renew a
6 license during the 180 day period before the license expires. The
7 Division may not accept an application for renewal made before the
8 180 day period begins.

9 (4) Renewal by mail. – The Division may renew by mail a drivers license
10 issued by the Division to a person who meets any of the following
11 descriptions:

12 ~~(1)~~a. Is serving on active duty in the armed forces of the United
13 States and is stationed outside this State.

14 ~~(2)~~b. Is a resident of this State and has been residing outside the State
15 for at least 30 continuous days.

16 When renewing a license by mail, the Division may waive the examination that
17 would otherwise be required for the renewal and may impose any conditions it finds
18 advisable. A license renewed by mail is a temporary license that expires 60 days after
19 the person to whom it is issued returns to this State."

20 **SECTION 5.** This act becomes effective January 1, 2006.