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HOUSE BILL 821
Committee Substitute Favorable 5/6/25

Short Title: Drivers License Expiration Moratorium.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

April 9, 2025

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT IMPOSING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE EXPIRATION OF
CERTAIN CLASS C DRIVERS LICENSES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. The General Assembly finds that there is a backlog of drivers unable to renew their drivers licenses in person. It is the intent of this act to eliminate that backlog.

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding G.S. 20-7, or any other statute to the contrary, a Class C drivers license shall remain valid for purposes of establishing the license holder's driving privilege for a period of up to two years after its expiration. This section shall not apply to either of the following:

(1) To any drivers license that is currently canceled, revoked, or suspended.

(2) A Real ID compliant drivers license that has been valid for a period of eight years or more.

SECTION 3. The Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee shall review any studies or audits conducted or commissioned by, or any recommendations made by, the Committee, the North Carolina Department of Transportation, or the Office of the State Auditor to address staffing shortages, employee retention, outdated technology, and any other structural or systemic issues that are contributing to excessive wait times and delays at the Division of Motor Vehicles. The Committee shall report its findings, together with any recommended legislation, to the 2026 Regular Session of the 2025 General Assembly.

SECTION 4. This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to Class C drivers licenses that expire on or after that date. This act expires December 31, 2027.

