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Short Title: Expand Remote Drivers License Services.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE ADDITIONAL REMOTE RENEWALS OF DRIVERS LICENSES
AND TO ELIMINATE THE DRIVING LOG REQUIREMENT AND AUTHORIZE
REMOTE ISSUANCE FOR FULL PROVISIONAL LICENSES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

"(f) Duration and Renewal of Licenses. – Drivers licenses shall be issued and renewed pursuant to the provisions of this subsection:

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

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

1. The license holder possesses ~~either~~ (i) a valid Class C drivers ~~license or license~~, (ii) a valid limited provisional license and is at least 16 years old but less than 18 years old at the time of the remote issuance, or (iii) a valid full provisional license and is at least 18 years old at the time of the remote conversion.

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4. For a remote renewal, the most recent ~~renewal was an in-person renewal~~ ~~transaction~~ was in person and included a new color photograph of the license holder and was not a remote renewal under this ~~subdivision~~ ~~subdivision~~, except that a license holder may remotely renew a license a second consecutive time if either of the following apply:

I. The license being renewed is not REAL ID compliant pursuant to the REAL ID Act of 2005, 49 U.S.C. § 30301.

II. The license being renewed is REAL ID compliant but is being converted to a non-REAL ID compliant license for purposes of the renewal.

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f. Definition. – For purposes of this subdivision, "remote ~~renewal~~
~~renewal, issuance, or conversion~~" means renewal of a drivers ~~license~~
~~license, issuance of a full provisional license,~~ or conversion of a full
provisional license by mail, telephone, electronic device, or other
secure means approved by the Commissioner.

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SECTION 2. G.S. 20-11(f) reads as rewritten:

"(f) Level 3. – A person who is at least 16 years old but less than 18 years old may obtain
a full provisional license if the person meets all of the following requirements:

- (1) Has held a limited provisional license issued by the Division for at least six months.
- (2) Has not been convicted of a motor vehicle moving violation or seat belt infraction or a violation of G.S. 20-137.3 during the preceding six months.
- (3) Has a driving eligibility certificate or a high school diploma or its equivalent.
- (4) ~~Has completed a driving log, on a form approved by the Division, detailing a minimum of 12 hours as the operator of a motor vehicle of a class for which the driver is licensed. The log must show at least six hours of the required driving occurred during nighttime hours. The driving log must be signed by the supervising driver for any hours driven outside the provisions of subdivision (e)(2) of this section and submitted to the Division at the time the applicant seeks to obtain a full provisional license. If the Division has cause to believe that a driving log has been falsified, the limited provisional licensee shall be required to complete a new driving log with the same requirements and shall not be eligible to obtain a full provisional license for six months.~~

A person who meets these requirements may obtain a full provisional license ~~by mail, remotely,~~
as provided in G.S. 20-7(f)(6)."

SECTION 3. Part V of S.L. 2025-72 is repealed.

SECTION 4. This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to licenses issued
or renewed on or after that date.