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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT TO ALLOW VOLUNTARY MEDICAL AND ORGAN DONOR  
INFORMATION TO BE PLACED ON DRIVERS LICENSE AND SPECIAL  
IDENTIFICATION CARDS AND TO INCREASE DRIVERS LICENSE,  
VEHICLE TITLE, AND VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 20-7(i) as amended by Chapter 368 of the 1993 Session Laws  
reads as rewritten:

"(i) Fees. – The fee for a regular drivers license is the amount set in the following  
table multiplied by the number of years in the period for which the license is issued:

<u>Class of Regular License</u>	<u>Fee For Each Year</u>
Class A	<del>3.75</del> <u>4.25</u>
Class B	<del>3.75</del> <u>4.25</u>
Class C	<del>2.50</del> <u>3.00</u>

The fee for a motorcycle endorsement is ~~one dollar and twenty five cents (\$1.25)~~ one dollar and seventy-five cents (\$1.75) for each year of the period for which the endorsement is issued. The appropriate fee must be paid before a person receives a regular drivers license or an endorsement."

Sec. 2. G.S. 20-7(l) as amended by Chapter 368 of the 1993 Session Laws  
reads as rewritten:

1       "(l) Learner's Permit. – Any person who except for lack of instruction in  
2 operating a motor vehicle would be qualified to obtain a drivers license under this  
3 Article may obtain a learner's permit. A learner's permit authorizes the permit holder to  
4 drive a specified type or class of motor vehicle while in possession of the permit. A  
5 learner's permit is valid for a period of 18 months after it is issued. The fee for a  
6 learner's permit is ~~ten dollars (\$10.00)~~ twelve dollars (\$12.00). A learner's permit may  
7 be renewed, or a second learner's permit may be issued, for an additional period of 18  
8 months. The permit holder must, while operating a motor vehicle over the highways, be  
9 accompanied by a person who is licensed to operate the motor vehicle being driven and  
10 is seated beside the permit holder."

11               Sec. 3. G.S. 20-7(n) as amended by Chapter 368 of the 1993 Session Laws  
12 reads as rewritten:

13       "(n) Format. – Every drivers license issued by the Division shall bear thereon the  
14 distinguishing number assigned to the licensee and color photograph of the licensee of a  
15 size approved by the Commissioner and shall contain the name, age, residence ~~address~~  
16 address, optional emergency medical and organ donor information including a signed  
17 donor release to medical authorities, and a brief description of the licensee, who, for the  
18 purpose of identification and as a condition precedent to the validity of the license,  
19 immediately upon receipt thereof, shall endorse his or her regular signature in ink upon  
20 the same in the space provided for that purpose unless a facsimile of his or her signature  
21 appears thereon; provided the requirement that a color photograph of the licensee appear  
22 on the license may be waived by the Commissioner upon satisfactory proof that the  
23 taking of such photograph violates the religious convictions of the licensee. Drivers  
24 licenses shall be issued with differing color photographic backgrounds according to the  
25 licensee's age at time of issuance for the following age groups:

26               (1) Persons who have not attained the age of 21 years.

27               (2) Persons who have attained the age of 21 years.

28 The Division shall determine the different colors to be used. Such license shall be  
29 carried by the licensee at all times while engaged in the operation of a motor vehicle.  
30 The licensee may prepare and sign to any emergency medical and organ donor  
31 information the licensee desires to provide on a form furnished by the Division. The  
32 Division shall not duplicate, copy, or retain any of this information, but shall only make  
33 an exact copy of the information provided by the licensee for insertion onto the actual  
34 drivers license. The Division shall not be liable for any of this information contained on  
35 the drivers license."

36               Sec. 4. G.S. 20-14 reads as rewritten:

37 **"§ 20-14. Duplicate licenses.**

38 A person may obtain a duplicate of a license issued by the Division by paying a fee  
39 of ~~ten dollars (\$10.00)~~ twelve dollars (\$12.00) and giving the Division satisfactory proof  
40 that any of the following has occurred:

41               (1) The person's license has been lost or destroyed.

42               (2) It is necessary to change the name or address on the license.

43               (3) Because of age, the person is entitled to a license with a different color  
44 photographic background.

1 (4) The Division revoked the person's license, the revocation period has  
2 expired, and the period for which the license was issued has not  
3 expired."

4 Sec. 5. G.S. 20-37.7 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

5 "(c1) The holder shall have the option to provide on the special identification card  
6 emergency medical information and organ donor information including a signed donor  
7 release to medical authorities. The holder may prepare and sign to any emergency  
8 medical and organ donor information the holder desires to provide on a form furnished  
9 by the Division. The Division shall not duplicate, copy, or retain any of this  
10 information, but shall only make an exact copy of the information provided by the  
11 holder for insertion onto the actual drivers license. The Division shall not be liable for  
12 any of this information contained on the drivers license."

13 Sec. 6. G.S. 20-85(a) reads as rewritten:

14 "(a) The following fees are imposed concerning a certificate of title, a  
15 registration card, or a registration plate for a motor vehicle. These fees are payable to  
16 the Division and are in addition to the tax imposed by Article 5A of Chapter 105 of the  
17 General Statutes.

- 18 (1) Each application for certificate of  
19 title ~~\$35.00~~ \$37.00
- 20 (2) Each application for duplicate  
21 or corrected certificate of title ~~10.00~~ 12.00
- 22 (3) Each application of reposessor for  
23 certificate of title ~~10.00~~ 12.00
- 24 (4) Each transfer of registration ~~10.00~~ 12.00
- 25 (5) Each set of replacement registration  
26 plates ~~10.00~~ 12.00
- 27 (6) Each application for duplicate registration  
28 card ~~10.00~~ 12.00
- 29 (7) Each application for recording supplementary  
30 lien ~~10.00~~ 12.00
- 31 (8) Each application for removing a lien from a  
32 certificate of title ~~10.00~~ 12.00
- 33 (9) Each application for certificate of title for a  
34 motor vehicle transferred to a manufacturer,  
35 as defined in G.S. 20-285, or a motor vehicle  
36 retailer for the purpose of resale ~~10.00~~ 12.00."

37 Sec. 7. G.S. 20-87 reads as rewritten:

38 "**§ 20-87. Passenger vehicle registration fees.**

39 These shall be paid to the Division annually, as of the first day of January, for the  
40 registration and licensing of passenger vehicles, fees according to the following  
41 classifications and schedules:

- 42 (1) Common Carrier, Contract Carriers and Exempt For-Hire Passenger  
43 Carrier Vehicles. – For-hire passenger vehicles shall be taxed at the  
44 rate of seventy-eight dollars (\$78.00) per year for each vehicle of

1 fifteen-passenger capacity or less and vehicles of over fifteen-  
2 passenger capacity shall be classified as buses and shall be taxed at a  
3 rate of one dollar and forty cents (\$1.40) per hundred pounds of empty  
4 weight per year for each vehicle; provided, however, no license shall  
5 be issued for the operation of any taxicab until the governing body of  
6 the city or town in which such taxicab is principally operated, if the  
7 principal operation is in a city or town, has issued a certificate  
8 showing:

- 9 a. That the operator of such taxicab has provided liability  
10 insurance or other form of indemnity for injury to person or  
11 damage to property resulting from the operation of such  
12 taxicab, in such amount as required by the city or town, and
- 13 b. That the convenience and necessity of the public requires the  
14 operation of such taxicab.

15 All persons operating taxicabs on January 1, 1945, shall be entitled  
16 to a certificate of necessity and convenience for the number of taxicabs  
17 operated by them on such date, unless since said date the license of  
18 such person or persons to operate a taxicab or taxicabs has been  
19 revoked or their right to operate has been withdrawn or revoked;  
20 provided that all persons operating taxicabs in Edgecombe, Lee, Nash  
21 and Union Counties on January 1, 1945, shall be entitled to certificates  
22 of necessity and convenience only with the approval of the governing  
23 authority of the town or city involved.

24 A taxicab shall be defined as any motor vehicle, seating nine or  
25 fewer passengers, operated upon any street or highway on call or  
26 demand, accepting or soliciting passengers indiscriminately for hire  
27 between such points along streets or highways as may be directed by  
28 the passenger or passengers so being transported, and shall not include  
29 motor vehicles or motor vehicle carriers as defined in Article 17 of this  
30 Chapter. Such taxicab shall not be construed to be a common carrier  
31 nor its operator a public service corporation.

- 32 (2) U-Drive-It Passenger Vehicles. – U-drive-it passenger vehicles shall  
33 pay the following tax:

34	Motorcycles:	1-passenger capacity.....\$18.00
35		2-passenger capacity.....22.00
36		3-passenger capacity.....26.00

37 Automobiles: Forty-one dollars (\$41.00) per year for each  
38 vehicle of fifteen-passenger capacity or less, and vehicles of  
39 over fifteen-passenger capacity shall be classified as buses and  
40 shall pay one dollar and forty cents (\$1.40) per hundred pounds  
41 empty weight of each vehicle.

- 42 (3) Repealed by Session Laws 1981, c. 976, s. 3, effective January 1,  
43 1982.

- 1 (4) Limousine Vehicles. – For-hire passenger vehicles on call or demand  
 2 which do not solicit passengers indiscriminately for hire between  
 3 points along streets or highways, shall be taxed at the same rate as for-  
 4 hire passenger vehicles under G.S. 20-87(1) but shall be issued  
 5 appropriate registration plates to distinguish such vehicles from  
 6 taxicabs.
- 7 (5) Private Passenger Vehicles. – There shall be paid to the Division  
 8 annually, as of the first day of January, for the registration and  
 9 licensing of private passenger vehicles, fees according to the following  
 10 classifications and schedules:  
 11 Private passenger vehicles of not more than fifteen  
 12 passengers ~~\$20.00~~ \$22.00  
 13 Private passenger vehicles over fifteen  
 14 passengers ~~23.00~~ 25.00  
 15 Provided, that a fee of only one dollar (\$1.00) shall be charged for any  
 16 vehicle given by the federal government to any veteran on account of  
 17 any disability suffered during war so long as such vehicle is owned by  
 18 the original donee or other veteran entitled to receive such gift under  
 19 Title 38, section 252, United States Code Annotated.
- 20 (6) **(Effective until October 1, 1993)** Private Motorcycles. – The base tax  
 21 on private passenger motorcycles shall be nine dollars (\$9.00); except  
 22 that when a motorcycle is equipped with an additional form of device  
 23 designed to transport persons or property, the base tax shall be sixteen  
 24 dollars (\$16.00). An additional tax of three dollars (\$3.00) is imposed  
 25 on each private motorcycle registered under this subdivision in  
 26 addition to the base tax. The revenue from the additional tax shall be  
 27 credited to the General Fund and may be used to implement the  
 28 Motorcycle Safety Instruction Program created in G.S. 115D-72.
- 29 (6) **(Effective October 1, 1993)** Private Motorcycles. – The tax on private  
 30 passenger motorcycles shall be nine dollars (\$9.00); except that when a  
 31 motorcycle is equipped with an additional form of device designed to  
 32 transport persons or property, the tax shall be sixteen dollars (\$16.00).
- 33 (7) Manufacturers and Motor Vehicle Dealers. – Manufacturers and  
 34 dealers in motor vehicles shall pay a fee of one-half of the amount that  
 35 would otherwise be payable under this section for each set of plates.
- 36 (8) Driveaway Companies. – Any person engaged in the business of  
 37 driving new motor vehicles from the place of manufacture to the place  
 38 of sale in this State for compensation shall pay a fee of one-half of the  
 39 amount that would otherwise be payable under this section for each set  
 40 of plates.
- 41 (9) House Trailers. – In lieu of other registration and license fees levied on  
 42 house trailers under this section or G.S. 20-88, the registration and  
 43 license fee on house trailers shall be seven dollars (\$7.00) for the  
 44 license year or any portion thereof.

1           (10) Special Mobile Equipment. – The fee for special mobile equipment for  
2           the license year or any part of the license year is the same as the fee in  
3           subdivision (5) for a private passenger motor vehicle of not more than  
4           15 passengers.

5           (11) Any vehicle fee determined under this section according to the weight  
6           of the vehicle shall be increased by the sum of three dollars (\$3.00) to  
7           arrive at the total fee."

8           Sec. 8. This act is effective upon ratification, and shall apply to all drivers  
9           licenses and special identification cards issued on or after January 2, 1994. The  
10          increases in fees shall become effective January 2, 1994.