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SENATE BILL 2

Short Title: Drivers License Medical Certification. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Soles.

Referred to: Health and Human Resources.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ALLOW CERTAIN APPLICANTS FOR DRIVERS LICENSES TO
3 SUBMIT MEDICAL CERTIFICATES FROM OUT-OF-STATE PHYSICIANS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-9(g)(2) reads as rewritten:

6 "(g) The Division may issue a driver's license to any applicant covered by
7 subsection (e) of this section under the following conditions:

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9 (2) The Division shall not issue a license pursuant to this section unless
10 the applicant has submitted to a physical examination by a physician or
11 surgeon duly licensed to practice medicine in this State and unless
12 such examining physician or surgeon has completed and signed the
13 certificate required by subdivision (1). If the applicant is a resident of a
14 county that borders another state, then the applicant may submit a
15 certificate completed and signed by a physician duly licensed to
16 practice in the bordering state and practicing in a county or
17 independent city adjacent to North Carolina. Such certificate shall be
18 devised by the Commissioner with the advice of qualified experts in
19 the field of diagnosing and treating physical and mental disorders as he
20 may select to assist him and shall be designed to elicit the maximum
21 medical information necessary to aid in determining whether or not it
22 would be a hazard to public safety to permit the applicant to operate a
23 motor vehicle, including, if such is the fact, the examining physician's
24 statement that the applicant is under medication and treatment and that
25 such person's physical or mental disability is controlled. The certificate
26 shall contain a waiver of privilege and the recommendation of the
27 examining physician to the Commissioner as to whether a license
28 should be issued to the applicant."

29 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.