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HOUSE BILL 141

Short Title: Free Veteran's Drivers Licenses. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Moore; Cleveland, Faison, Frye, Grady, Hill, Justice, Lewis, McGee, Pate, Preston, Rayfield, Steen, and Wray.

Referred to: Transportation.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF A FREE DRIVERS LICENSE TO  
3 VETERANS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** Chapter 20 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a  
6 new section to read:

7 "**§ 20-9.3. Veteran's free drivers license.**

8 (a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Chapter, 'veterans', as defined in  
9 this section, shall be issued or reissued Class B or Class C drivers licenses without  
10 charge or fee.

11 (b) For purposes of this section, a person is a 'veteran' if that person meets the  
12 requirements of one of the following subdivisions of this subsection:

13 (1) Persons who:

14 a. Served on active duty in the armed forces of the United States  
15 or on active duty in a reserve component of the armed forces of  
16 the United States, including the national guard, during wartime  
17 or any conflict when personnel were committed by the  
18 President of the United States, whether or not such veterans  
19 were assigned to a unit or division which directly participated in  
20 the war or not, except that periodic transfer from reserve status  
21 to active duty status for training purposes shall not be  
22 considered active duty.

23 b. Were residents of this State at the time of enlistment or  
24 commissioning and are residents of this State at the time of  
25 application for the license, or who have been residents of this  
26 State for at least five years immediately preceding the date of  
27 application for the license.

28 c. Have been discharged or separated under honorable conditions.

- 1           (2) All members or former members of the North Carolina National Guard  
2           or members or former members of reserve components of the armed  
3           forces who have 20 or more years of creditable service.
- 4       (c) The Commissioner shall issue rules implementing the issuance of free  
5 veteran's drivers licenses. These rules shall require:
- 6           (1) That the applicant provide evidence of honorable active duty service  
7           by means of a Form DD214 which shall first be submitted to the  
8           Division of Veterans Affairs for verification by means of a form  
9           developed by the Division of Motor Vehicles that is signed by the  
10          certifying official and the applicant.
- 11          (2) That the applicant provide evidence of honorable national guard  
12          service by means of a form, to be developed by the Division of Motor  
13          Vehicles, signed by the Adjutant General of the North Carolina  
14          National Guard verifying the required service.
- 15          (3) That the applicant provide evidence of honorable reserve component  
16          service by means of a form developed by the Division of Motor  
17          Vehicles, submitted to the Division of Veterans Affairs for verification  
18          and signed by the certifying official and the applicant attesting to the  
19          required service.
- 20          (4) Any other documentation that may be required by the Commissioner  
21          to verify qualification for this drivers license.
- 22       (d) The drivers license issued pursuant to this section shall bear a background  
23 appropriate to the veteran applicant's military service."

24       **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective January 1, 2006.