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SENATE BILL 470

Short Title: Increase Age for Eight-Year Drivers License. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Shaw.

Referred to: Judiciary 1 (Civil).

March 5, 2007

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO INCREASE THE AGE OF PERSONS RECEIVING AN EIGHT-YEAR
3 DRIVERS LICENSE.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

8 (1) Duration of license for persons under age 18. – A full provisional
9 license issued to a person under the age of 18 shall expire on the
10 person's twenty-first birthday.

11 (2) Duration of license for persons at least 18 years of age or older. – A
12 drivers license issued to a person at least 18 years old but less than ~~54~~
13 65 years old expires eight years after the date of issuance. A drivers
14 license issued to a person at least ~~54-65~~ years old expires five years
15 after the date of issuance.

16 (3) Duration of license. – A drivers license that was issued by the Division
17 and is renewed by the Division expires at the end of the period
18 provided by this subsection after the expiration date of the license that
19 is renewed unless the Division determines that a license of shorter
20 duration should be issued when the applicant holds a visa of limited
21 duration from the United States Department of Homeland Security, but
22 in no event shall the license expire later than the applicant's lawful
23 presence in the United States. A person may apply to the Division to
24 renew a license during the 180-day period before the license expires.
25 The Division may not accept an application for renewal made before
26 the 180-day period begins.

27 (4) Renewal by mail. – The Division may renew by mail a drivers license
28 issued by the Division to a person who meets any of the following
29 descriptions:

- 1 a. Is serving on active duty in the armed forces of the United
2 States and is stationed outside this State.
3 b. Is a resident of this State and has been residing outside the State
4 for at least 30 continuous days.
5 When renewing a license by mail, the Division may waive the
6 examination that would otherwise be required for the renewal and may
7 impose any conditions it finds advisable. A license renewed by mail is
8 a temporary license that expires 60 days after the person to whom it is
9 issued returns to this State."

10 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective January 1, 2008.