

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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HOUSE BILL 735  
Committee Substitute Favorable 4/28/15

Short Title: Reinstatement of Driving Privileges.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

April 15, 2015

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DIVISION OF ADULT CORRECTIONS OF THE  
3 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO DEVELOP A PROCESS WHEREBY AN  
4 INMATE WHOSE DRIVING PRIVILEGES HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED OR REVOKED  
5 FOR A CONVICTION OF DRIVING WHILE IMPAIRED OR DRIVING UNDER THE  
6 INFLUENCE MAY COMPLETE THE REQUIREMENTS NECESSARY FOR  
7 REINSTATEMENT OF THE INMATE'S DRIVING PRIVILEGES PRIOR TO THE  
8 INMATE'S RELEASE.

9 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

10 **SECTION 1.** Development of Process. – The Division of Adult Corrections of the  
11 Department of Public Safety, in collaboration with the North Carolina Sheriffs' Association,  
12 Statewide Misdemeanant Confinement Program, the Administrative Office of the Courts, the  
13 Division of Motor Vehicles, and the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of  
14 Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, shall develop a  
15 process whereby an inmate whose driving privileges have been suspended or revoked for a  
16 conviction of driving while impaired or driving under the influence may complete the  
17 requirements necessary for reinstatement of the inmate's driving privileges prior to the inmate's  
18 release, including any substance abuse assessments and substance abuse education and  
19 treatment. Nothing in this section shall be construed as requiring the Division of Motor  
20 Vehicles to reinstate an inmate's driving privileges prior to or upon the inmate's release.

21 **SECTION 2.** Report and Deadline. – On or before October 1, 2015, the Division of  
22 Adult Corrections shall submit a report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice  
23 and Public Safety on the status of the development of the process required by this act. The  
24 Division of Adult Corrections shall implement the process required by this act by no later than  
25 January 1, 2016.

26 **SECTION 3.** Effective Date. – This act is effective when it becomes law.



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