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SENATE BILL DRS35370-NEa-96

Short Title: Restricted Instruction Permit Vision Tests. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Hise (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT AUTHORIZING DRIVER EDUCATION AND LICENSED COMMERCIAL
3 DRIVING TRAINING SCHOOL INSTRUCTORS TO ADMINISTER VISION TESTING
4 OR EYE EXAMS REQUIRED FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A RESTRICTED
5 INSTRUCTION PERMIT.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-7 reads as rewritten:
8 "**§ 20-7. Issuance and renewal of drivers licenses.**

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10 (m1) Restricted Instruction Permit Vision Tests. – A driver training instructor qualified
11 under G.S. 115C-215(e) or G.S. 20-323(b) may also administer the vision test required for the
12 issuance of a restricted instruction permit if both of the following apply:

- 13 (1) The instructor demonstrates an ability to properly administer vision tests
14 pursuant to standards established by the Division.
15 (2) The tested applicant is enrolled in a driver education program that is approved
16 by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction and is offered at a public
17 high school, a nonpublic secondary school, or a licensed drivers training
18 school. The Division may adopt temporary and permanent rules to implement
19 the provisions of this subsection.

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21 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the Highway Fund to the Department of
22 Transportation, Division of Motor Vehicles, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000)
23 in nonrecurring funds for the 2022-2023 fiscal year to be used to implement the provisions of
24 this act.

25 **SECTION 3.** Section 1 of this act becomes effective October 1, 2022. Section 2 of
26 this act becomes effective July 1, 2022. The remainder of this act is effective when it becomes
27 law.

