GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1991 SESSION

CHAPTER 17
SENATE BILL 90

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A NINETY-DAY PERIOD OF TIME FOR THE RENEWAL OF DRIVERS LICENSES, TO WAIVE THE CIVIL PENALTY FOR LAPSED LIABILITY INSURANCE, AND TO WAIVE THE SERVICE CHARGE FOR REREGISTRATION OF A VEHICLE OF MILITARY PERSONNEL DEPLOYED IN SUPPORT OF "OPERATION DESERT SHIELD"OR "OPERATION DESERT STORM."

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. A drivers license issued to a deployed soldier under G.S. 20-7 that would have otherwise expired during the soldier's deployment is automatically extended until 90 days after the soldier returns to North Carolina or two years from the expiration date of the drivers license, whichever occurs first.

Sec. 2. A temporary drivers license issued to a deployed soldier under G.S. 20-7 that would have otherwise expired 30 days after the soldier returns to North Carolina is automatically extended until 90 days after the soldier returns to North Carolina.

Sec. 3. The civil penalty and restoration fee under G.S. 20-309 do not apply to a deployed soldier whose motor vehicle liability insurance lapsed during the period of deployment or within 90 days after the soldier returned to North Carolina if the soldier certifies to the Division of Motor Vehicles that the motor vehicle was not driven on the highway by anyone during the period in which the motor vehicle was uninsured and that the owner now has liability insurance on the motor vehicle.

Sec. 4. As used in this act, a deployed soldier is a member of the armed forces of the United States on active duty or a member of the North Carolina National Guard or the North Carolina Air National Guard on active duty who was deployed outside the State in support of "Operation Desert Shield"or "Operation Desert Storm"on or after August 6, 1990. A copy of the soldier's military orders specifying the deployment is conclusive evidence of the soldier's deployment.

Sec. 5. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 26th day of March, 1991.

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James C. Gardner
President of the Senate

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Daniel Blue, Jr.
Speaker of the House of Representatives