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Short Title: Driver License Exemptions.

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Sponsors:

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE AN EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN DRIVERS LICENSES
3 FOR PUBLIC SAFETY WORKERS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 Section 1. G.S. 20-7(a) reads as rewritten:

6 "(a) Except as otherwise provided in this Chapter, no person shall operate a motor
7 vehicle on a highway unless such person is a resident of this State and has first been
8 licensed by the Division under the provisions of this Article or Article 2C for the class
9 of vehicle being driven. Driver licenses shall be classified under this Article as follows:

10 (1) Class 'A' which entitles a licensee to drive any vehicle or combination
11 of vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of 26,001
12 pounds or more, provided the GVWR of the vehicle or vehicle being
13 towed are in excess of 10,000 pounds and are exempt from Article 2C
14 of this Chapter. A Class A license entitles the licensee to operate
15 Class B and C vehicles except motorcycles.

16 (2) Class 'B' which entitles a licensee to drive a single vehicle with a
17 GVWR of 26,001 pounds or more, or any such vehicle towing a single
18 vehicle not in excess of 10,000 pounds provided the towed vehicle is
19 exempt from Article 2C of this Chapter. A Class B license entitles the
20 licensee to operate Class C vehicles except motorcycles.

21 (3) Class 'C' which entitles a licensee to drive a single vehicle with a
22 GVWR of less than 26,001 pounds or any such vehicle towing another
23 vehicle with a GVWR not in excess of 10,000 pounds, both of which

1 are exempt from Article 2C. A Class C licensee who is a volunteer
2 member of a municipal or rural fire department, a volunteer member of
3 a rescue squad, or a volunteer member of Emergency Medical Services
4 (EMS) may also drive any fire-fighting vehicle, rescue vehicle, EMS
5 vehicle or combination of these vehicles, regardless of GVWR, while
6 necessary in the performance of his duty. A Class C license does not
7 entitle the licensee to drive a motorcycle.

8 Any unusual vehicle shall be assigned by the Commissioner to the most appropriate
9 class under this subsection or Article 2C with suitable special restrictions if they appear
10 to be necessary.

11 Any person who takes up residence in this State on a permanent basis is exempt
12 from the provisions of this subsection for 30 days from the date that residence is
13 established, if he is properly licensed in the jurisdiction of which he is a former
14 resident."

15 Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.