S SENATE DRS35194-MAf-236 (03/23)

Short Title:	Increase Drivers License Restoration Fee.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Senators Rabon, Harrington, and Jones (Primary Sponsors).	
Referred to:		_

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE FEE FOR THE RESTORATION OF DRIVERS LICENSES REVOKED FOR IMPAIRED DRIVING TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE FORENSIC TESTS FOR THE ALCOHOL BRANCH OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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SECTION 1. G.S. 20-7(i1) reads as rewritten:

Restoration Fee. – Any person whose drivers license has been revoked pursuant to the provisions of this Chapter, other than G.S. 20-17(a)(2) shall pay a restoration fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00). A person whose drivers license has been revoked under G.S. 20-17(a)(2) shall pay a restoration fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00). The fee shall be paid to the Division prior to the issuance to such person of a new drivers license or the restoration of the drivers license. The restoration fee shall be paid to the Division in addition to any and all fees which may be provided by law. This restoration fee shall not be required from any licensee whose license was revoked or voluntarily surrendered for medical or health reasons whether or not a medical evaluation was conducted pursuant to this Chapter. The fifty-dollar (\$50.00) fee, and the first fifty dollars (\$50.00) of the one-hundred-dollar (\$100.00) fee, shall be deposited in the Highway Fund. Twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) Forty dollars (\$40.00) of the one-hundred-dollar (\$100.00) fee shall be used to fund a statewide chemical alcohol testing program administered by the Forensic Tests for Alcohol Branch of the Chronic Disease and Injury Section of the Department of Health and Human Services. The remainder of the one-hundred-dollar (\$100.00) fee shall be deposited in the General Fund. The Office of State Budget and Management shall annually report to the General Assembly the amount of fees deposited in the General Fund and transferred to the Forensic Tests for Alcohol Branch of the Chronic Disease and Injury Section of the Department of Health and Human Services under this subsection.

It is the intent of the General Assembly to annually appropriate from the funds deposited in the General Fund under this subsection the sum of five hundred thirty-seven thousand four hundred fifty-five dollars (\$537,455) to the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina to be used for the operating expenses of the Bowles Center for Alcohol Studies at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill."

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2011.

