



# HOUSE BILL 660: Drivers License/Reciprocity W/Foreign Nation.

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**OVERVIEW:** *House Bill 660 would authorize the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to recognize drivers' licenses issued by foreign nations in specified circumstances.*

[As introduced, this bill was identical to S651, as introduced by Sen. Curtis, which is currently in Senate Rules and Operations of the Senate.]

**CURRENT LAW:** Under current law, foreign driver's licenses are valid for driving purposes in North Carolina as long as the person is a non-resident visitor. Once a person becomes a resident of North Carolina, they must obtain a NC driver's licenses to drive lawfully in the State. (G.S. 20-7, G.S. 20-8)

**BILL ANALYSIS:** House Bill 660:

- Authorizes the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to recognize foreign-issued noncommercial drivers licenses as valid for the sole purpose of operation of noncommercial vehicles by persons who are legally present in this State, if the Commissioner finds that the standards for issuance of drivers licenses by the foreign nation substantially comply with the standards established by law in this State, and that this State's drivers licenses are also recognized as valid for the purpose of noncommercial operation of vehicles in that nation.
- At least 30 days prior to making a determination of reciprocal recognition under this act, the Commissioner is required to notify the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee. After making a determination of reciprocal recognition as authorized by this act, DMV must provide notice of the reciprocal recognition on its Web site.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This act is effective when it becomes law.

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