



HOUSE BILL 84: DL/Deaf or Hard of Hearing Designation.

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Committee:	House Transportation. If favorable, re-refer to Judiciary III	Date:	March 20, 2017
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Analysis of:	PCS to First Edition H84-CSRW-5		

OVERVIEW: *House Bill 84 (proposed committee substitute) directs DMV to develop a voluntary driver's license designation for persons who are deaf or hard of hearing.*

The proposed committee substitute adds details on how DMV is to implement the designation, removes a requirement for medical certification, and requires training for law enforcement.

CURRENT LAW: Under current law, DMV is authorized to place various medical restrictions on a driver's license, such as vision, time of driving, and distance restrictions. DMV is also authorized to place designations on drivers' licenses for active duty military, and for American Indians. No specific designation for a deaf or hard of hearing person is currently authorized. G.S. 20-7.

BILL ANALYSIS:

Section 1 of House Bill 84 (PCS):

- Directs DMV to develop, in consultation with the Department of Public Safety and the State Highway Patrol, a driver's license designation that may, upon request, be granted to a person who is deaf or hard of hearing.
- Directs DMV, at the request of a person who is deaf or hard of hearing, to place a unique numerical identifier on the front of the person's license.
- Directs DMV to record the requested designation in the electronic record associated with the person's driver's license.
- Directs DMV, at the request of a person who is deaf or hard of hearing, to enter the driver license numerical identifier and a descriptor into the electronic record of any motor vehicle registered in the same name of the deaf or hard of hearing person.
- Provides that medical certification or examination is not required for the designation.

Section 2 of House Bill 84 (PCS) directs the NC Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission to establish minimum educational and training standards for employment and continuing education for criminal justice officers concerning driver's license and vehicle registration identifiers of persons who are deaf or hard of hearing.

Section 3 of House Bill 84 (PCS) directs the NC Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission to establish minimum educational and training standards for employment and continuing education for officers concerning driver's license and vehicle registration identifiers of persons who are deaf or hard of hearing.

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EFFECTIVE DATE: This act becomes effective January 1, 2018.