



# HOUSE BILL 211: Various DMV Changes.

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<b>Committee:</b>	House Transportation. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	<b>Date:</b>	March 12, 2019
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<b>Analysis of:</b>	PCS to First Edition H211-CSBG-10		Committee Counsel

**OVERVIEW:** *House Bill 211 makes modifications to various existing laws relating to fuel cell and plug-in electric car definitions, registration card requirements, and customer ability to remotely renew or convert drivers licenses, and requires the North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles to waive lapse in financial responsibility penalties under certain circumstances.*

*The Proposed Committee Substitute (PCS) adds Section 4 to the bill.*

### CURRENT LAW/BILL ANALYSIS:

**Section 1.** This section amends current definitions within G.S. 20-4.01, applicable to fuel cell electric and plug-in electric vehicles, to clarify that to those vehicles cannot have the ability to be propelled by a gasoline engine. Fuel cell electric vehicles and plug-in electric vehicles are not required to undergo emissions inspections pursuant to G.S. 20-183.2, nor are they subject to the HOV lane restrictions pursuant to G.S. 20-146.2, under certain circumstances.

**Section 2.** S.L. 2016-90, Section 12.(a), repealed the requirement for an owner to sign a motor vehicle registration card issued by the NC Division of Motor Vehicles. This section makes a technical correction to repeal the requirement that there be a "space for the owner's signature" on the registration card.

**Section 3.** This section authorizes remote renewal and conversion of a full provisional license to a regular Class C license, and provides that a full provisional license expires on the 60th day after the holder's 21st birthday; and authorizes persons remotely renewing a license to update their address.

**Sections 4.** Current law requires that the owner of a motor vehicle which is registered or is required to be registered have a motor vehicle liability policy. If the liability policy lapses during that motor vehicle's registration period, NCDMV is authorized to take action as outlined in G.S. 20-311. Under current law, if a vehicle owner is required to cancel a North Carolina liability policy in the process of moving out-of-state and prior to registering that same vehicle out-of-state, that owner may be assessed a penalty.

Section 4 of this bill would require NCDMV to waive the monetary penalty and restoration fee for a lapse in liability insurance coverage upon meeting all of the following requirements:

- The owner has become a resident of another state and has registered the owner's vehicle in that state within 30 days of the cancellation or expiration of the owner's North Carolina motor vehicle liability policy.
- The owner has submitted a copy of their current out of state registration card to the Division.
- The owner has returned the North Carolina registration plate or has submitted an affidavit indicating that the North Carolina registration plate has been lost, stolen, or destroyed.

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