



# SENATE BILL 202: DMV/High-Risk Driving Behaviors.

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**OVERVIEW:** Senate Bill 202 would require the Division of Motor Vehicles, in consultation with the Department of Public Safety, to develop a program and advertising campaign to educate the public on certain high-risk driving behaviors and to incorporate testing on these behaviors into written, traffic sign, and driving skills tests.

**CURRENT LAW:** The Division of Motor Vehicles administers tests to individuals applying for drivers licenses in North Carolina. These include a written knowledge test covering traffic laws and safe driving practice, a traffic sign test covering regulatory and warning signs, and a driving skills test covering driving skills and ability to perform basic driving patterns.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** Senate Bill 202 would require the Division, in consultation with the Department of Public Safety, to develop a program, engage in public outreach, and execute an advertising campaign on the following high-risk driving behaviors:

- Texting while driving
- The Move Over Law
- Speed limits and restrictions in school and construction zones

The bill would also require the Division to incorporate testing on these behaviors into its written, traffic sign, and driving skills tests.

The Division would be required to report to the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee and the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety on its efforts by December 1, 2019.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The act would be effective when it becomes law.

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