



HOUSE BILL 297: DMV Active Duty Military Exemptions.

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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 297 would create an additional defense to driving with an expired license and waive the late fee for renewing an expired license, for deployed active duty servicemembers.*

CURRENT LAW AND BILL ANALYSIS:

G.S. 20-35 provides the criminal penalties for driving without a license, and allows an individual to produce a drivers license in court as a defense to the offense of driving without a license.

Section 1 would allow an individual who had been deployed when the license expired, to produce a drivers license and proof of deployment in court as a defense to the offense of driving without a license if the license was renewed within 30 days of returning from deployment.

G.S. 20-88.03 provides a schedule of late fees (\$15.00, \$20.00, or \$25.00) for failure to pay the applicable registration fee on time.

Section 2 would waive the late fee for a deployed member of the Armed Forces if the person obtains a renewed registration within 30 days after the deployment ends.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Section 1 would become effective December 1, 2021, and apply to offenses committed on or after that date. Section 2 would become effective October 1, 2021.

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