



HOUSE BILL 821: Drivers License Expiration Moratorium.

2025-2026 General Assembly

Committee:	House Transportation. If favorable, re-refer to Finance. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	Date:	April 16, 2025
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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 821 would extend the validity of drivers licenses up to two years past their expiration date for purposes of driving. The extension would expire on December 31, 2027.*

CURRENT LAW: The North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles currently issues standard Class C drivers licenses in accordance with statutory requirements set out in G.S. 20-7. The duration of licenses issued to persons aged 18-66 is generally eight years. The Division of Motor Vehicles requires in person renewal of drivers licenses at least every other renewal.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 821 would extend the validity of Class C drivers licenses for up to two years after the date they expired only for purposes of establishing the licensee's driving privilege. The extension would not apply to any license that is otherwise revoked, suspended, or cancelled. It would also not apply to REAL ID licenses that have been valid for at least eight years.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The act would be effective when it becomes law and would apply to drivers licenses that expire on or after that date. The act would expire on December 31, 2027.

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