

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
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**SENATE BILL 2**  
**Health and Human Resources Committee Substitute Adopted 2/26/03**  
**House Committee Substitute Favorable 4/2/03**

Short Title: Drivers License Medical Certification. (Public)

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Sponsors:

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Referred to:

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February 10, 2003

1                                   A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO ALLOW CERTAIN APPLICANTS FOR DRIVERS LICENSES TO  
3       SUBMIT MEDICAL CERTIFICATES FROM OUT-OF-STATE PHYSICIANS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5       **SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-9(g)(2) reads as rewritten:

6       "(g) The Division may issue a driver's license to any applicant covered by  
7 subsection (e) of this section under the following conditions:

8       ...

9       (2) The Division shall not issue a license pursuant to this section unless  
10 the applicant has submitted to a physical examination by a physician or  
11 surgeon duly licensed to practice medicine in this State or in any other  
12 state of the United States and unless such examining physician or  
13 surgeon has completed and signed the certificate required by  
14 subdivision (1). Such certificate shall be devised by the Commissioner  
15 with the advice of qualified experts in the field of diagnosing and  
16 treating physical and mental disorders as he may select to assist him  
17 and shall be designed to elicit the maximum medical information  
18 necessary to aid in determining whether or not it would be a hazard to  
19 public safety to permit the applicant to operate a motor vehicle,  
20 including, if such is the fact, the examining physician's statement that  
21 the applicant is under medication and treatment and that such person's  
22 physical or mental disability is controlled. The certificate shall contain  
23 a waiver of privilege and the recommendation of the examining  
24 physician to the Commissioner as to whether a license should be  
25 issued to the applicant."

26       **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.