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Short Title: Bioptic Lenses/Issuance of Drivers License.

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Sponsors:

Referred to:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ALLOW THE ISSUANCE OF DRIVERS LICENSES TO PERSONS USING
BIOPTIC TELESCOPIC LENSES PROVIDED THEY MEET OTHER LICENSING
REQUIREMENTS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 20-7(e) reads as rewritten:

"(e) Restrictions. – The Division may impose any restriction it finds advisable on a
drivers license. It is unlawful for the holder of a restricted license to operate a motor vehicle
without complying with the restriction and is the equivalent of operating a motor vehicle
without a license. If any applicant shall suffer from any physical defect or disease which affects
his or her operation of a motor vehicle, the Division may require to be filed with it a certificate
of such applicant's condition signed by some medical authority of the applicant's community
designated by the Division. This certificate shall in all cases be treated as confidential. Nothing
in this subsection shall be construed to prevent the Division from refusing to issue a license,
either restricted or unrestricted, to any person deemed to be incapable of safely operating a
motor vehicle. This subsection does not prohibit deaf persons or persons using bioptic
telescopic lenses from operating motor vehicles who in every other way meet the requirements
of this section."

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

