

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 735

Short Title: Reinstatement of Driving Privileges. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives C. Graham and Pierce (Primary Sponsors).
For a complete list of Sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly Web Site.

Referred to: Transportation, if favorable, Judiciary II.

April 15, 2015

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DIVISION OF ADULT CORRECTIONS OF THE
2 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO DEVELOP A PROCESS WHEREBY AN
3 INMATE WHOSE DRIVING PRIVILEGES HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED OR REVOKED
4 FOR A CONVICTION OF DRIVING WHILE IMPAIRED OR DRIVING UNDER THE
5 INFLUENCE MAY COMPLETE THE REQUIREMENTS NECESSARY FOR
6 REINSTATEMENT OF THE INMATE'S DRIVING PRIVILEGES PRIOR TO THE
7 INMATE'S RELEASE.
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9 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

10 **SECTION 1.** Development of Process. – The Division of Adult Corrections of the
11 Department of Public Safety, in collaboration with the Administrative Office of the Courts, the
12 Division of Motor Vehicles, and the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of
13 Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, shall develop a
14 process whereby an inmate whose driving privileges have been suspended or revoked for a
15 conviction of driving while impaired or driving under the influence may complete the
16 requirements necessary for reinstatement of the inmate's driving privileges prior to the inmate's
17 release, including any substance abuse assessments and substance abuse education and
18 treatment. Nothing in this section shall be construed as requiring the Division of Motor
19 Vehicles to reinstate an inmate's driving privileges prior to or upon the inmate's release.

20 **SECTION 2.** Report and Deadline. – On or before October 1, 2015, the Division of
21 Adult Corrections shall submit a report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice
22 and Public Safety on the status of the development of the process required by this act. The
23 Division of Adult Corrections shall implement the process required by this act by no later than
24 January 1, 2016.

25 **SECTION 3.** Effective Date. – This act is effective when it becomes law.

