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SENATE BILL 671
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Short Title: DL Restoration/DWI Treatment Court.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 30, 2015

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO
3 CONDITIONALLY RESTORE THE DRIVERS LICENSES OF PERSONS WHO HAVE
4 SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED A DRUG TREATMENT OR DWI TREATMENT
5 COURT PROGRAM.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-19 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

8 "(d1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, when a person's license is revoked for
9 an impaired driving offense and the person is sentenced pursuant to G.S. 20-179, the Division
10 may conditionally restore the person's license after it has been revoked for at least one year if
11 the person (i) provides the Division with a certificate of graduation from a Drug Treatment or
12 Driving While Impaired (DWI) Treatment Court Program established pursuant to Article 62 of
13 Chapter 7A of the General Statutes, (ii) provides the Division with a letter of recommendation
14 from the presiding judge of the Drug Treatment or DWI Treatment Court, and (iii) pays, in
15 addition to any other applicable fees, a fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00). The
16 twenty-five-dollar (\$25.00) fee shall be deposited in the Highway Fund. If the Division restores
17 the person's license, it shall place all of the following restrictions, requirements, and conditions
18 on the person for the duration of the original revocation period:

19 (1) A requirement that all registered vehicles owned by that person be equipped
20 with a functioning ignition interlock system in accordance with
21 G.S. 20-17.8(c1).

22 (2) A restriction that the person may operate only a motor vehicle equipped with
23 a functioning ignition interlock system of a type approved by the
24 Commissioner that is set to prohibit driving with an alcohol concentration of
25 greater than 0.02.

26 (3) A requirement that the person personally activate the ignition interlock
27 system before driving the motor vehicle.

28 In addition, the Division may place other reasonable restrictions, requirements, and
29 conditions on the person for the duration of the original revocation period."

30 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2015.

