

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 843

Short Title: Waive Road Test/DMV Expand Office Hours. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Brown, McInnis, and Perry (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

May 27, 2020

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO TEMPORARILY WAIVE THE ROAD TEST REQUIREMENT FOR LEVEL
3 TWO LIMITED PROVISIONAL LICENSES AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE
4 DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO IMPLEMENT A PILOT PROGRAM TO
5 EXPAND OFFICE HOURS TO ACCOMMODATE BACKLOGS RESULTING FROM
6 THE COVID-19 CRISIS.

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 **SECTION 1.(a)** Notwithstanding G.S. 20-11(d)(3), the Division of Motor Vehicles
9 shall waive the requirement that an applicant pass a road test in order to obtain a Level 2 limited
10 provisional license if the applicant meets all other requirements to obtain the license.

11 **SECTION 1.(b)** In addition to all other requirements for a Level 3 full provisional
12 license set out in G.S. 20-11, a Level 2 limited provisional license holder who receives a waiver
13 under subsection (a) of this section must pass a road test administered by the Division in order to
14 obtain a Level 3 full provisional license.

15 **SECTION 1.(c)** This section is effective when it becomes law and applies to
16 applications for provisional licenses submitted on or after that date. Subsection (a) of this section
17 expires on the date the Division resumes administering road tests.

18 **SECTION 2.(a)** There is appropriated from the Highway Fund to the Division of
19 Motor Vehicles the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) in nonrecurring funds for
20 the 2020-2021 fiscal year for the purpose of establishing and implementing a pilot program to
21 increase the operating hours of targeted, high-volume Division offices to accommodate increased
22 demands following closures and delays due to the COVID-19 crisis.

23 **SECTION 2.(b)** This section becomes effective July 1, 2020.

24 **SECTION 3.** Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes
25 law.

