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SENATE BILL 126

Short Title: Drivers License/Military ID Validity. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Brown, Preston, Meredith; Atwater, Brunstetter, Goolsby, and Hise.

Referred to: Finance.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY PERSONNEL WHO ARE NOT  
3 RESIDENTS OF NORTH CAROLINA AND WHO HAVE A VALID MILITARY  
4 IDENTIFICATION AN EXEMPTION FROM HAVING A VALID DRIVERS LICENSE  
5 SO LONG AS THE PERSON HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY LICENSED AND THE  
6 LICENSE IS NOT IN A STATE OF SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION.

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-8 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

9 "(8) A nonresident who is at least 16 years of age, who is a member of the Armed  
10 Forces or a reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United States, and  
11 who has in his or her immediate possession a valid military identification  
12 card issued by the United States Department of Defense showing the  
13 member to be on active duty, and a valid or expired drivers license issued to  
14 the member in the member's home state or country if the nonresident is  
15 operating a motor vehicle in this State in accordance with the license  
16 restrictions and vehicle classifications that would be applicable to the  
17 member under the laws and regulations of the home state or country if the  
18 nonresident were driving in his or her home state or country. The exemption  
19 granted by this subdivision shall not apply if the member's drivers license or  
20 privileges to drive have been rescinded, suspended, revoked, or otherwise  
21 invalidated under some other provision of law by the member's home state or  
22 country or this State."

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

