

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 186

Short Title: Military Service Notation on Drivers Licenses. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Allran; Bingham, Blake, Brown, Daniel, Davis, Forrester, Goolsby, Harrington, Hunt, Mansfield, Newton, Preston, Rabon, and Tucker.

Referred to: Transportation.

March 3, 2011

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO MAKE A
2 NOTATION ON A NORTH CAROLINA DRIVERS LICENSE SHOWING A LICENSE
3 HOLDER'S MILITARY SERVICE.
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-7(q) reads as rewritten:

7 "(q) Active Duty Military Designation. – The Division shall develop a military
8 designation for drivers licenses that may, upon request, be granted to North Carolina residents
9 on active duty and to their spouses and dependent children. A drivers license with a military
10 designation on it may be renewed by mail no more than two times during the license holder's
11 lifetime. A license renewed by mail under this subsection is a permanent license and does not
12 expire when the license holder returns to the State. A drivers license with a military designation
13 on it issued to a person on active duty may be renewed up to one year prior to its expiration
14 upon presentation of military or Department of Defense credentials."

15 **SECTION 2.** Chapter 20 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new
16 subsection to read:

17 "(q1) Veteran Military Designation. – The Division shall develop a military designation
18 for drivers licenses that may, upon request, be granted to North Carolina residents who are
19 honorably discharged from military service in the United States Armed Forces. The designation
20 shall show the branch of military service in which the applicant served. An applicant requesting
21 this designation must produce a Form DD-214 showing the applicant has been honorably
22 discharged from the United States Armed Forces. The fee for this designation is one dollar
23 (\$1.00) for each year of the period for which the designation is issued."

24 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective when the Division of Motor Vehicles has
25 completed the implementation of the Division's Next Generation Secure Driver License System
26 or July 1, 2012, whichever occurs first, and applies to drivers licenses issued on or after that
27 date.

