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Short Title: Remote License Renewal/Active Duty Military.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT AUTHORIZING CONSECUTIVE REMOTE DRIVERS LICENSE RENEWALS
FOR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 20-7 reads as rewritten:

"§ 20-7. Issuance and renewal of drivers licenses.

...
(f) Duration and Renewal of Licenses. – Drivers licenses shall be issued and renewed pursuant to the provisions of this subsection:

...
(6) Remote renewal or conversion. – Subject to the following requirements and limitations, the Division may offer remote renewal of a drivers license or remote conversion of a full provisional license issued by the Division:

a. Requirements. – To be eligible for remote renewal or conversion under this subdivision, a person must meet all of the following requirements:

...
4. For a remote renewal, the most recent renewal was an in-person renewal and not a remote renewal under this ~~subdivision~~ subdivision, except that a member of the Armed Forces of the United States or a reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United States, serving on active duty and stationed outside this State, may remotely renew a license a second consecutive time if either of the following applies:

I. The license being renewed is not REAL ID compliant pursuant to the REAL ID Act of 2005, 49 U.S.C. § 30301.

II. The license being renewed is REAL ID compliant but is being converted to a non-REAL ID compliant license for purposes of the renewal.

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SECTION 2. This act becomes effective October 1, 2025, and applies to licenses renewed on or after that date.

