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To: All License Plate Agencies
Vehicle Services Personnel
License and Theft Bureau
DMV Communications
CVR
DealerTrack
Franchise Dealers
Independent Dealers



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Subject: SB-704 DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES/EXTEND DEADLINES

On May 4, 2020, Governor Roy Cooper signed into law Senate Bill 704 declaring a five-month extension of the expiration dates on more than two dozen DMV credentials to assist NC Division of Motor Vehicle customers and partners in dealing with the impact of the coronavirus pandemic.

The five-month extension applies to the credentials that expire on or after March 1, 2020 and before August 1, 2020.

The applicable credentials include:

- Driver license.
- Learner's permit.
- Limited learner's permit.
- Limited provisional license.
- Full provisional license.
- Commercial driver license.
- Commercial learner's permit.
- Temporary driving certificate.
- Special identification card.
- Handicapped placard.
- Vehicle registration.
- Temporary vehicle registration.
- Dealer license plate.
- Transporter plate.
- Loaner/Dealer "LD" plate.
- Vehicle inspection authorization.

- Inspection station license.
- Inspection mechanic license.
- Transportation network company permit.
- Motor vehicle dealer license.
- Sales representative license.
- Manufacturer license.
- Distributor license.
- Wholesaler license.
- Driver training school license.
- Driver training school instructor license.
- Professional house-moving license.

This law allows the Division to waive any penalties for a late registration renewal during the extension period. Customers who have already paid late fees for their March and April renewals will be reimbursed automatically. Reimbursement will be by check if originally paid by check or cash and if paid by credit card, payment will be credited back to the applicable credit card. The anticipated processing time for refunds is approximately three to four weeks.

This law also extends the due dates for motor vehicle taxes that are tied to vehicle registrations to correspond with the extended expiration dates.

The motoring public are still required to obtain and pass NC Inspections, as well as maintain valid insurance on all registered vehicles. This bill does not allow for liability insurance penalties to be waived.

NC driver licenses, temporary driving certificates or identification cards that have expired March 1, 2020 – July 31, 2020 can be accepted in order to process title work (including dealer title work).

Citizens should not be fined if pulled over by Law Enforcement with a plate expiring during the five-month extension.

Attachments:

FAQs

SB 704/SL 2020-3