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HOUSE BILL 84

Short Title: Drivers License/Hearing Impaired Designation. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Insko, Ball, and Butler (Primary Sponsors).

*For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.*

Referred to: Transportation, if favorable, Judiciary III

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO DEVELOP A  
DESIGNATION FOR DRIVERS LICENSES THAT MAY BE GRANTED UPON  
REQUEST TO A PERSON WITH A HEARING IMPAIRMENT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-7 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(q2) Hearing Impaired Designation. – The Division shall develop, in consultation with the Department of Public Safety and the State Highway Patrol, a designation for drivers licenses that may, upon request, be granted to North Carolina residents with a hearing impairment. An applicant requesting a designation under this subsection must provide the Division with a letter from the applicant's primary care provider certifying that the applicant has a hearing impairment. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed as authorizing the issuance of a drivers license to a person ineligible under G.S. 20-9."

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



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