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## ADVOCACY ALERT!

### ISSUE: Drivers License Changes/ Older Drivers

The North Carolina General Assembly is currently considering making amendments to G.S.20-7 which would change driver's license renewal periods to prevent unsafe driving conditions and to ensure the safety of older drivers. The bill, Driver's License Changes/Older Drivers ([HB 418](#)) is currently in the House of Representatives and has been re-referred to Committee of Finance. This bill has not yet been presented in the Senate.

### Merits of the proposed bill:

- Eliminate a mandatory road test for all drivers aged 85 and older when their license needs to be renewed.
- Eliminate the requirement for more frequent renewal periods for drivers 75 and older.
- The renewal period will be extended from five years to eight years for the older drivers who are aged 54 to 64 years old.

**DATE: April 2009**

**TIME FRAME: Act Now**

### SUGGESTED ACTION:

- Print and share this Advocacy Alert!
- To access this bill, click [here](#).
- Contact Council on Aging to request a presentation and advocacy update for your organization, club or community, [Kellie Visker Gonyar](#) or 704-391-5216 ext. 204.
- To learn how to contact your legislators, click [here](#).