

Support Driver's Privilege bill To the Editor: It's time for the NC Legislature to take up the bill regarding Driver's Privilege (HB 311) for our undocumented population here in North Carolina.

This is a measure that 16 other states and the District of Columbia have already adopted. Not to be used for federal identification purposes, and under the Constitutional authority of the 10th Amendment, states would issue a license if an applicant provides certain documentation, such as a foreign birth certificate, foreign passport, or consular card and evidence of current residency in the state.

It would also require applicants to have paid state taxes and pass a driving test and have insurance. The card could not be used for accessing federal buildings, to attain employment or to vote.

It's time that we stop the charade of pretending these folks are not driving. They come here to work, and in many cases public transport is not convenient. They drive vehicles to get to their jobs, many on the front lines, whether they're licensed or not. It makes economic sense and makes our roads safer if they have licenses and insurance. Write or call the Rules Committee to urge them to take up this sensible legislation.

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