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HOUSE BILL 1141

Short Title: Digitized Imagery License Changes.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives McLaughlin, Bowie, Barbee, Bowen, Crawford, Holmes, McMahan, Miner; and Sherrill.

Referred to: Transportation.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO ALLOW THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO USE DIFFERENT
2 COLOR BORDERS TO DISTINGUISH THE AGE OF LICENSE HOLDERS,
3 THEREBY MAKING IT EASIER TO ISSUE DUPLICATE LICENSES BY MAIL
4 WHEN THE PHOTOGRAPH ON THE ORIGINAL LICENSE IS A DIGITIZED
5 IMAGE.
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7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 Section 1. G.S. 20-7(n) reads as rewritten:

9 "(n) Format. – A drivers license issued by the Division must be tamperproof and
10 must contain all of the following information:

- 11 (1) An identification of this State as the issuer of the license.
12 (2) The license holder's full name.
13 (3) The license holder's residence address.
14 (4) A color photograph of the license holder, taken by the Division.
15 (5) A physical description of the license holder, including sex, height, eye
16 color, and hair color.
17 (6) The license holder's date of birth.
18 (7) The license holder's social security number or another identifying
19 number assigned by the Division.

- 1 (8) Each class of motor vehicle the license holder is authorized to drive and
2 any endorsements or restrictions that apply.
3 (9) The license holder's signature.
4 (10) The date the license was issued and the date the license expires.

5 The Commissioner may waive the requirement of a color photograph on a license if
6 the license holder proves to the satisfaction of the Commissioner that taking the
7 photograph would violate the license holder's religious convictions. In taking
8 photographs of license holders, the Division must distinguish between license holders
9 who are less than 21 years old and license holders who are at least 21 years old by using
10 different color backgrounds or borders for each group. The Division shall determine the
11 different colors to be used.

12 At the request of an applicant for a drivers license, a license issued to the applicant
13 must contain the applicant's race."

14 Sec. 2. G.S. 20-14 reads as rewritten:

15 **"§ 20-14. Duplicate licenses.**

16 A person may obtain a duplicate of a license issued by the Division by paying a fee of
17 ten dollars (\$10.00) and giving the Division satisfactory proof that any of the following
18 has occurred:

- 19 (1) The person's license has been lost or destroyed.
20 (2) It is necessary to change the name or address on the license.
21 (3) Because of age, the person is entitled to a license with a different color
22 photographic ~~background-background~~ or a different color border.
23 (4) The Division revoked the person's license, the revocation period has
24 expired, and the period for which the license was issued has not
25 expired."

26 Sec. 3. This act is effective upon ratification.