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SENATE BILL 595
Health Care Committee Substitute Adopted 5/13/09

Short Title: Advanced Directives on Drivers License.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 16, 2009

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE LOVED ONES WITH CLEAR CERTAINTY OF A LOVED ONE'S
3 END OF LIFE DECISIONS BY NOTATING LIVING WILL DECISIONS ON DRIVERS
4 LICENSES.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 SECTION 1. G.S. 20-7(n) reads as rewritten:

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

- 9 (1) An identification of this State as the issuer of the license.
- 10 (2) The license holder's full name.
- 11 (3) The license holder's residence address.
- 12 (4) A color photograph, or a properly applied laser engraved picture on
13 polycarbonate material, of the license holder, taken by the Division.
- 14 (5) A physical description of the license holder, including sex, height, eye color,
15 and hair color.
- 16 (6) The license holder's date of birth.
- 17 (7) An identifying number for the license holder assigned by the Division. The
18 identifying number may not be the license holder's social security number.
- 19 (8) Each class of motor vehicle the license holder is authorized to drive and any
20 endorsements or restrictions that apply.
- 21 (9) The license holder's signature.
- 22 (10) The date the license was issued and the date the license expires.
- 23 (11) A living will designation that identifies applicants that have a living will on
24 file in the Secretary of State's Advance Healthcare Directive Registry.

25 In taking photographs of license holders, the Division must distinguish between license
26 holders who are less than 21 years old and license holders who are at least 21 years old by
27 using different color backgrounds or borders for each group. The Division shall determine the
28 different colors to be used. The Commissioner shall ensure that applicants 21 years old or older
29 are issued drivers licenses and special identification cards that are printed in a horizontal
30 format. The Commissioner shall ensure that applicants under the age of 21 are issued drivers
31 licenses and special identification cards that are printed in a vertical format, that distinguishes
32 them from the horizontal format, for ease of identification of individuals under age 21 by
33 members of industries that regulate controlled products that are sale restricted by age and law
34 enforcement officers enforcing these laws.

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



1 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2009, and applies to licenses
2 issued on or after that date.