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HOUSE BILL 915

Short Title: Road Safety Through Drivers License Access. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Fisher, Wray, Brisson, and R. Moore (Primary Sponsors).
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Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

April 15, 2013

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO INCREASE ROAD SAFETY THROUGH FAIR ACCESS TO DRIVERS LICENSES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 20-7 reads as rewritten:

"§ 20-7. (See notes) Issuance and renewal of drivers licenses.

...

(b1) Application. - To obtain an identification card, learners permit, or drivers license from the Division, a person shall complete an application form provided by the Division, present at least two forms of identification approved by the Commissioner, be a resident of this State, and, except for an identification card, demonstrate his or her physical and mental ability to drive safely a motor vehicle included in the class of license for which the person has applied. At least one of the forms of identification shall indicate the applicant's residence address. The Division may copy the identification presented or hold it for a brief period of time to verify its authenticity. To obtain an endorsement, a person shall demonstrate his or her physical and mental ability to drive safely the type of motor vehicle for which the endorsement is required.

The application form shall request all of the following information, and it shall contain the disclosures concerning the request for an applicant's social security number required by section 7 of the federal Privacy Act of 1974, Pub. L. No. 93-579:

- (1) The applicant's full name.
(2) The applicant's mailing address and residence address.
(3) A physical description of the applicant, including the applicant's sex, height, eye color, and hair color.
(4) The applicant's date of birth.
(5) The applicant's valid social security number, valid documentation issued by or under the authority of the United States government that demonstrates the applicant's lawful presence in the United States, an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, or a United States or foreign passport.
(6) The applicant's signature.

The Division shall not issue an identification card, learners permit, or drivers license to an applicant who fails to provide the applicant's valid social security number.

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(f) Duration and Renewal of Licenses. - Drivers licenses shall be issued and renewed pursuant to the provisions of this subsection:



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2 (3) ~~Duration of license for certain other drivers. The durations listed in~~
3 ~~subdivisions (1), (2) and (2a) of this subsection are valid unless the Division~~
4 ~~determines that a license of shorter duration should be issued when the~~
5 ~~applicant holds valid documentation issued by, or under the authority of, the~~
6 ~~United States government that demonstrates the applicant's legal presence of~~
7 ~~limited duration in the United States. In no event shall a license of limited~~
8 ~~duration expire later than the expiration of the authorization for the~~
9 ~~applicant's legal presence in the United States.~~

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12 (s) ~~Notwithstanding the requirements of subsection (b1) of this section that an applicant~~
13 ~~present a valid social security number, the Division shall issue a drivers license of limited~~
14 ~~duration, under subsection (f) of this section, to an applicant present in the United States who~~
15 ~~holds valid documentation issued by, or under the authority of, the United States government~~
16 ~~that demonstrates the applicant's legal presence of limited duration in the United States if the~~
17 ~~applicant presents that valid documentation and meets all other requirements for a license of~~
18 ~~limited duration. Notwithstanding the requirements of subsection (n) of this section addressing~~
19 ~~background colors and borders, a drivers license of limited duration issued under this section~~
20 ~~shall bear a distinguishing mark or other designation on the face of the license clearly denoting~~
21 ~~the limited duration of the license."~~

22 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2013.