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HOUSE BILL 665

Short Title: Require Drivers Education for All Drivers. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Boles (Primary Sponsor).
For a complete list of Sponsors, see Bill Information on the NCGA Web Site.

Referred to: Transportation, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE COMPLETION OF AN APPROVED DRIVERS EDUCATION COURSE BEFORE A PERSON MAY BE ISSUED A DRIVERS LICENSE AND TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO MOVES TO THIS STATE WHO HAS A VALID DRIVERS LICENSE ISSUED FROM ANOTHER STATE THAT REQUIRED A DRIVERS EDUCATION COURSE BEFORE THE ISSUANCE OF A DRIVERS LICENSE MAY RECEIVE A NORTH CAROLINA DRIVERS LICENSE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 20-7(b1) reads as rewritten:

"(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.
- (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~~number or who fails to provide documentation of satisfactory completion of a drivers education course as prescribed by G.S. 20-88.1, or if licensed by another state, demonstrate that the issuing state requires a drivers education course that has equivalent requirements to those contained in G.S. 20-88.1."

SECTION 2. G.S. 20-7(1) is repealed.

SECTION 3. G.S. 20-7(m) reads as rewritten:



1 "(m) Instruction Permit. – The Division upon receiving proper application may in its
2 discretion issue a restricted instruction permit effective for a school year or a lesser period to
3 any of the following applicants:

4 (1) An applicant who is ~~less than 18 years old and is~~ enrolled in a drivers
5 education program that is approved by the State Superintendent of Public
6 Instruction and is offered at a public high school, a nonpublic secondary
7 school, or a licensed drivers training school.

8 (2) An applicant for certification under G.S. 20-218 as a school bus driver.

9 A restricted instruction permit authorizes the holder of the permit to drive a specified type or
10 class of motor vehicle when in possession of the permit, subject to any restrictions imposed by
11 the Division. The restrictions the Division may impose on a permit include restrictions to
12 designated areas and highways and restrictions prohibiting operation except when an approved
13 instructor is occupying a seat beside the permittee. A restricted instruction permit is not
14 required to have a distinguishing number or a picture of the person to whom the permit is
15 issued."

16 **SECTION 4.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2011, and applies to any
17 license issued on or after that date.