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HOUSE BILL 132  
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Short Title: Govt. Agencies/Delivery of Permits.

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Referred to:

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT PROVIDING THAT STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES WILL  
3 DELIVER PERMITS ISSUED TO PERMITTEES BY MAIL OR A DESIGNATED  
4 DELIVERY SERVICE INSTEAD OF IN-PERSON DELIVERY AT AN AGENCY OR  
5 OTHER PHYSICAL LOCATION UNLESS A PERMITTEE OPTS TO RECEIVE  
6 DELIVERY OF THE PERMIT IN PERSON.

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 **SECTION 1.** Article 10 of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes is amended by adding  
9 a new section to read:

10 **"§ 143-162.6. Delivery of permits issued by State agencies.**

11 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, each executive branch agency  
12 within State government shall establish a policy to send any permits issued by the agency to  
13 permittees using one of the following methods instead of requiring the permittee to receive  
14 in-person delivery of the permit at an agency office or other physical location:

15 (1) Via United States mail or a designated delivery service authorized pursuant to  
16 26 U.S.C. § 7502(f)(2). An agency may charge the permittee for costs of  
17 delivery.

18 (2) By electronic mail, as appropriate, if the permittee consents to such delivery  
19 in advance.

20 (b) A permittee may opt to receive a permit from an executive branch agency in person,  
21 however, a permittee shall not be required by the agency to do so.

22 (c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit an agency from adopting policies  
23 to exercise due diligence in verifying a permittee's identity.

24 (d) This section does not apply to the legislative or judicial branch of government."

25 **SECTION 2.** Article 23 of Chapter 153A of the General Statutes is amended by  
26 adding a new section to read:

27 **"§ 153A-461. Delivery of permits issued by county agency.**

28 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, each county agency shall  
29 establish a policy to send any permits issued by the agency to permittees using one of the  
30 following methods instead of requiring the permittee to receive in-person delivery of the permit  
31 at an agency office or other physical location:

32 (1) Via United States mail or a designated delivery service authorized pursuant to  
33 26 U.S.C. § 7502(f)(2). An agency may charge the permittee for costs of  
34 delivery.

35 (2) By electronic mail, as appropriate, if the permittee consents to such.



1       **(b)**    A permittee may opt to receive a permit from a county agency in person, however, a  
2 permittee shall not be required by the agency to do so.

3       **(c)**    Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit an agency from adopting policies  
4 to exercise due diligence in verifying a permittee's identity.

5       **(d)**    This section does not apply to any permit issued pursuant to Chapter 14, Article 54B  
6 of the General Statutes."

7           **SECTION 3.** Article 21 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes is amended by  
8 adding a new section to read:

9 **"§ 160A-499.6. Delivery of permits issued by city agency.**

10       **(a)**    Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, each city agency shall establish  
11 a policy to send any permits issued by the agency to permittees using one of the following  
12 methods instead of requiring the permittee to receive in-person delivery of the permit at an  
13 agency office or other physical location:

14           **(1)**    Via United States mail or a designated delivery service authorized pursuant to  
15 26 U.S.C. § 7502(f)(2). An agency may charge the permittee for costs of  
16 delivery.

17           **(2)**    By electronic mail, as appropriate, if the permittee consents to such delivery.

18       **(b)**    A permittee may opt to receive a permit from a city agency in person, however, the  
19 permittee shall not be required by the agency to do so.

20       **(c)**    Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit an agency from adopting policies  
21 to exercise due diligence in verifying a permittee's identity."

22           **SECTION 4.** Each executive branch agency, county agency, and city agency shall  
23 adopt the policy required by G.S. 143-162.6, 153A-461, and 160A-499.6, as enacted by this act,  
24 no later than July 1, 2023.

25           **SECTION 5.** This act becomes effective May 1, 2023.