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**SENATE BILL 635**

Short Title: Medical Specialities on Drivers License. (Public)

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Sponsors: Senators Forrester; Allran, Bingham, Pittenger, Shubert, and Sloan.

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Referred to: Transportation.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO PLACE  
ANNOTATIONS OF MEDICAL SPECIALTIES ON DRIVERS LICENSES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

- (1) An identification of this State as the issuer of the license.
- (2) The license holder's full name.
- (3) The license holder's residence address.
- (4) A color photograph of the license holder, taken by the Division.
- (5) A physical description of the license holder, including sex, height, eye color, and hair color.
- (6) The license holder's date of birth.
- (7) An identifying number for the license holder assigned by the Division. The identifying number may not be the license holder's social security number.
- (8) Each class of motor vehicle the license holder is authorized to drive and any endorsements or restrictions that apply.
- (9) The license holder's signature.
- (10) The date the license was issued and the date the license expires.

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

1        When requested by the applicant who is duly licensed in North Carolina and who  
2 presents proper identification, the drivers license shall indicate the medical specialty of  
3 a physician (MD), an osteopathic physician (OD), a physician's assistant (PA), a dentist  
4 (DDS), a registered nurse (RN), a licensed practical nurse (LPN), an emergency medical  
5 technician (EMT), or a veterinarian (VET).

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

8                **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2003.