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SENATE BILL 832*

Short Title: Drivers License Material Technical Standard. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Harrington, Rabon, and Meredith (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Transportation.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO AMEND THE STATE DRIVERS LICENSE MATERIAL TECHNICAL
3 STANDARDS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE
4 TRANSPORTATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.

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.~~A color
14 photograph of the license holder applied to material that is measured by the
15 industry standard of security and durability and is resistant to tampering and
16 reproduction.
17 (5) A physical description of the license holder, including sex, height, eye color,
18 and hair color.
19 (6) The license holder's date of birth.
20 (7) An identifying number for the license holder assigned by the Division. The
21 identifying number may not be the license holder's social security number.
22 (8) Each class of motor vehicle the license holder is authorized to drive and any
23 endorsements or restrictions that apply.
24 (9) The license holder's signature.
25 (10) The date the license was issued and the date the license expires.

26 The Commissioner shall ensure that applicants 21 years old or older are issued drivers
27 licenses and special identification cards that are printed in a horizontal format. The
28 Commissioner shall ensure that applicants under the age of 21 are issued drivers licenses and
29 special identification cards that are printed in a vertical format, that distinguishes them from the
30 horizontal format, for ease of identification of individuals under age 21 by members of
31 industries that regulate controlled products that are sale restricted by age and law enforcement
32 officers enforcing these laws.

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

35 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

