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S 531. ANTITERRORISM/END RESIDENCY AFFIDAVITS. TO PROVIDE PROTECTION AGAINST TERRORISM, IDENTITY THEFT, AND VOTER FRAUD. Amends GS 20-7(b1) to provide that an applicant for a drivers license may submit a valid alien registration number in lieu of a social security number (was, authorized applicants without a social security number to provide an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number issued by Internal Revenue Service) and to prohibit the Division of Motor Vehicles from issuing a drivers license or identification card without this information. Requires that Division verify the validity of all numbers furnished by applicants and submit a report to the General Assembly concerning the number of drivers licenses approved and denied. Modifies GS 20-7(b3) to permit applicants to verify proof of residency through submission of a document issued by a United States agency only (was, accepted documents issued by governments of other nations also). Deletes GS 20-7(b3)(5) and (6), which provided that residency could be established with a preprinted business letterhead or any other document permitted by DMV, and GS 20-7(b4)(8) and (9), which identified a matricula consular or a substantially similar document as a reliable indicator of residency. Also amends GS 20-7(b5) to clarify that only minors may submit an affidavit establishing residency and providing that no parent or guardian who has obtained a license by affidavit may complete such an affidavit on behalf of the minor applicant. Amendments to GS 20-7(f) are substantially similar to those contained in S 263, introduced 3/3/03, except that act requires issuance of a 10 day temporary license. Requires that by Oct. 1, 2003, DMV verify the social security numbers on all current drivers licenses and invalidate licenses if the social security number does not match driver's identity or if driver did not submit social security number. Adds new GS 20-31(b) making the furnishing of nonsworn false information in order to obtain a driver's license or identification card a Class I felony. Revises GS 163-82.19 to require that State Board of Elections verify the residency and citizenship on all voter registrations made after Oct. 1, 1997; mail confirmation of that information to those voters who did not provide a valid social security number; and report to the General Assembly on the results of this review. Further requires that by Nov. 2004 Board review voter registrations where the social security number does not match the voter's identity or where no social security number was provided. Also requires that voters who used a drivers license as a proof of residency upon registration to vote shall be required to submit an alternative proof of residency or not be permitted to vote in Nov. 2004 election. Effective July 1, 2003.

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