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H 1399. ENSURE INTEGRITY OF NC DRIVERS LICENSES. Filed 4/11/07. *TO PROVIDE PROTECTION AGAINST TERRORISM AND IDENTITY THEFT, AND TO ENSURE THE INTEGRITY OF NC DRIVERS LICENSES.*

Amends GS 20-7 as follows. Requires applicants to provide their Social Security numbers before the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) may issue a duplicate identification card, learner's permit, or driver's license. Provides that address information may be provided on (1) a document issued by any agency of the US, North Carolina, or another state (removes documents issued by the government of another nation, preprinted bank and corporate statements, and preprinted business letterhead) or (2) any other verifiable document (was, document) that DMV considers reliable. Removes a matricula consular or similar document issued by the Mexican Consulate for North Carolina and similar documents issued by the consulate or embassy of another country from the list of documents that are reliable indicators of residency. Provides that a driver's license, or a duplicate license, may be issued for a shorter duration when an applicant presents a valid passport and documentation showing legal presence in the US (was, holds a visa of limited duration from the Department of Homeland Security). Makes conforming changes. Effective December 1, 2007, amends GS 20-31 to provide that a person convicted of a Class I felony for making a false affidavit must be fined no less than \$1,000 and sentenced to at least 90 days' imprisonment. Also makes it a Class A1 misdemeanor punishable by a fine of no less than \$500 and at least 30 days' imprisonment to provide false information to obtain a driver's license, learner's permit, or identification card. Effective December 1, 2007, requires DMV to verify the Social Security numbers of current license holders by October 1, 2007. After providing the applicant 30 days to provide an accurate Social Security number or documentation, if it is determined that a fraudulent application was submitted, the DMV must immediately revoke the license and initiate criminal proceedings.

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