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H 422. ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH REAL ID ACT OF 2005. Filed 2/28/07. TO REQUIRE A NONCITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES WHO IS PRESENT IN THE UNITED STATES TO PRESENT A VALID PASSPORT FROM THE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN AND VALID DOCUMENTATION SHOWING LEGAL PRESENCE ISSUED BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO RECEIVE A DRIVERS LICENSE FROM THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND TO REQUIRE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO VERIFY SOCIAL SECURITY DOCUMENTATION.

Amends GS 20-7 (issuance and renewal of driver's licenses) as follows. In subsection (b1), adds a requirement that the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) verify any Social Security number provided by an individual seeking an identification card, learner's permit, or driver's license to ensure that the applicant's name and Social Security number match and are valid. In subsection (b3), requires DMV to adopt rules regarding proof of citizenship and limits acceptable proof of residency to (1) a document issued by an agency of the US, the state of NC, or another state, but not by a province of Canada or (2) any other verifiable document that DMV deems reliable. (Current law provides for a more extensive list of acceptable documentation.)

In subsections (f) and (s), provides that DMV may issue a driver's license of limited duration to an applicant who does not have a valid Social Security number if the applicant has a valid passport from the country of origin and valid documentation, issued under authority of the US government, demonstrating legal presence in the US. In subsection (b4), eliminates as examples of documents that are reasonably reliable indicators of residency (1) a matricula consular or substantially similar document issued by the Mexican Consulate for NC and (2) similar documents issued by the consulate or embassy of other countries.

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