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H 1963. SPEAK, READ, & WRITE ENGLISH/DRIVER LICENSE. Filed 5/25/10. *TO REQUIRE AN APPLICANT FOR A DRIVERS LICENSE TO BE ABLE TO SPEAK OR READ AND WRITE ENGLISH WITH ENOUGH PROFICIENCY THAT THE PRODUCTION OF MULTIPLE TESTS AND HANDBOOKS BY THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES IS NOT NECESSARY THEREBY NETTING A COST SAVINGS TO THE STATE.*

Amends GS 20-7(b1), adding the requirement that an applicant under the Uniform Driver's License Act be able to proficiently speak, or read and write the English language to obtain a license or other card from the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV). Amends GS 20-7(c), requiring a person to pass an examination that is given in the English language only, regardless of whether the exam is oral or written. Makes conforming changes. Prohibits the DMV from publishing any handbook or examination in a language other than English. Effective October 1, 2010, and applies to license applications and renewals on or after that date.

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