

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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**SENATE BILL 801
Judiciary Committee Substitute Adopted 6/17/26
PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE S801-PCS45594-STf-28**

Short Title: Address Confidentiality/Study & DL.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

April 22, 2026

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY PROGRAM TO EXPAND THE ADDRESS
3 CONFIDENTIALITY PROGRAM TO INCLUDE CERTAIN MILITARY AND SPECIAL
4 OPERATIONS PERSONNEL AND ALLOWING CERTAIN MILITARY AND SPECIAL
5 OPERATIONS PERSONNEL TO BE ISSUED A SUBSTITUTE DRIVERS LICENSE OR
6 SPECIAL IDENTIFICATION CARD.

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 **SECTION 1.(a)** The Department of Justice, the Administrative Office of the Courts,
9 the Division of Motor Vehicles, the State Board of Elections, and the Department of Military and
10 Veterans Affairs shall convene a Task Force to explore how to protect military personnel, special
11 operations forces, elected officials, and others particularly susceptible to doxing or swatting. The
12 Task Force may consult with the Commander of the United States Special Operations Command,
13 or their designee, The University of North Carolina System, the Register of Deeds Association,
14 the Real Estate Commission, the North Carolina Sheriffs' Association, and any other affected
15 group or groups in conducting this study.

16 **SECTION 1.(b)** As part of the study, the Task Force shall consider the following
17 items:

- 18 (1) Which individuals are particularly susceptible to doxing or swatting, including
19 military personnel, special operations personnel, elected officials, and others.
- 20 (2) What personal identifying information is susceptible to doxing or swatting.
- 21 (3) Options to prevent harm, harassment, and abuse of individuals particularly
22 susceptible to doxing or swatting.
- 23 (4) How to develop and implement a uniform protocol across State and local
24 agencies for susceptible individuals to access protection of personal
25 identifying information, whether by removal or shielding or other method.
- 26 (5) How to implement effective security protocols for protecting personal
27 identifying information.
- 28 (6) Which State and local agencies should have access to such personal
29 identifying information, if removed or shielded from the public record.
- 30 (7) How to provide law enforcement, emergency services, and other vital
31 government services to participants in any removal or shielding program
32 while maintaining all security protocols.
- 33 (8) The feasibility of, and barriers to, expanding the Address Confidentiality
34 Program under Chapter 15C of the General Statutes to cover susceptible
35 individuals.



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1 (9) Recommendations for legislative action, if any.

2 (10) Any other information necessary.

3 **SECTION 1.(c)** Not later than April 1, 2027, the Task Force shall report its findings
4 and recommendations to the General Assembly. The report, findings and recommendations,
5 records, data, analyses, and materials prepared or collected by the Task Force in connection with
6 the study authorized by this section shall be treated as sensitive public security information under
7 G.S. 132-1.7 and shall not be a public record.

8 **SECTION 2.(a)** Article 2 of Chapter 20 of the General Statutes is amended by adding
9 a new section to read:

10 **"§ 20-37.03. Special forces substitute drivers license.**

11 (a) Notwithstanding G.S. 20-7 or any other provision of this Chapter, the Division shall
12 issue a drivers license or special identification card with a substitute address in lieu of the license
13 holder's residence address for any special operations force member, upon payment of the fee for
14 a duplicate license. The application for a substitute drivers license or special identification card
15 shall be submitted on a form as designated by the Division, which shall include a certification
16 from the Commander of the United States Special Operations Command, or the Commander's
17 designee, as to the status of the special operations force member.

18 (b) All documents related to the issuance of a substitute drivers license or special
19 identification card under this section shall be treated as sensitive public security information in
20 accordance with G.S. 132-1.7.

21 (c) Notwithstanding subsection (c) of this section, the Division shall provide the
22 residence address to law enforcement upon request.

23 (d) For purposes of this section, a "special operations force member" shall be any
24 member, whether active or reserve component forces, of the United States military services,
25 designated by the Secretary of War or Secretary of Defense, and specifically organized, trained,
26 and equipped to conduct and support special operations, as certified by the Commander of the
27 United States Special Operations Command, or the Commander's designee."

28 **SECTION 2.(b)** G.S. 132-1.7(a) is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

29 **"(6) Information containing specific details of personal identifying information of**
30 **special operations force members as described in G.S. 20-37.03."**

31 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.