

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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CHAPTER 443  
SENATE BILL 177

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT DRIVERS' LICENSES AND SPECIAL  
IDENTIFICATION CARDS BE COLOR-CODED ACCORDING TO AGE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 20-7(n) is amended by adding between the first and second sentences of that subsection the following:

"Drivers' licenses shall be issued with differing color photographic backgrounds according to the licensee's age at time of issuance for the following age groups:

- (1) persons who have not attained the age of 19 years;
- (2) persons who have attained the age of 19 years but have not attained the age of 21 years; and
- (3) persons who have attained the age of 21 years.

The Division of Motor Vehicles shall determine the different colors to be used."

Sec. 2. G.S. 20-37.7(c) is rewritten to read:

"(c) Special identification cards shall be issued with differing color photographic backgrounds according to the holder's age at time of issuance for the following age groups:

- (1) persons who have not attained the age of 19 years;
- (2) persons who have attained the age of 19 years but have not attained the age of 21 years; and
- (3) persons who have attained the age of 21 years.

The card shall be similar in size, shape, and design to a driver's license, but shall clearly state that it does not entitle the person to whom it is issued to operate a motor vehicle."

Sec. 3. G.S. 20-14 is rewritten to read:

"Sec. 20-14. Duplicate Licenses. A licensee may obtain a duplicate license, upon payment of a fee of five dollars (\$5.00), if he furnishes to the Division satisfactory proof that:

- (1) he has lost or destroyed his license; or
- (2) it is necessary to change the name or address on the license; or
- (3) he has reached the age wherein he is entitled to a license with a different color photographic background."

Sec. 4. This act shall become effective October 1, 1983.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 6th day of June, 1983.