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HOUSE BILL 849

Short Title: Race of Drivers License.

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Sponsors: Representatives Sutton; and Nichols.

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Referred to: Judiciary II.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO PLACE THE  
APPLICANT'S RACE ON THE DRIVERS LICENSE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 20-7(n) reads as rewritten:

"(n) Every drivers license issued by the Division shall bear thereon the distinguishing number assigned to the licensee and color photograph of the licensee of a size approved by the Commissioner and shall contain the name, age, race, residence address and a brief description of the licensee, who, for the purpose of identification and as a condition precedent to the validity of the license, immediately upon receipt thereof, shall endorse his or her regular signature in ink upon the same in the space provided for that purpose unless a facsimile of his or her signature appears thereon; provided the requirement that a color photograph of the licensee appear on the license may be waived by the Commissioner upon satisfactory proof that the taking of such photograph violates the religious convictions of the licensee. 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 21 years.

(2) Persons who have attained the age of 21 years.

The Division shall determine the different colors to be used. Such license shall be carried by the licensee at all times while engaged in the operation of a motor vehicle."

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective January 1, 1995.