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S 1446. INCREASED SECURITY FOR DRIVERS LICENSES. Filed 5/16/06. *TO PROVIDE INCREASED SECURITY FOR DRIVERS LICENSES*. Makes a number of amendments to GS 20-7, which concerns issuance of drivers licenses, identification cards, and learners permits. (1) Requires that application include at least one form of identification that includes evidence that the applicant is either a US citizen or a lawful alien. In addition, requires the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to verify with the issuing agency the validity of each document required to be presented in an application. (2) Deletes authority in GS 20-7(b3) to accept documents issued by foreign governments, preprinted business letterheads, or other documents deemed reliable by DMV; and makes similar amendment to GS 20-7(b4). (3) Rewrites GS 20-7(b5) to limit the subsection to minor applicants, and to require any parent or guardian completing an affidavit for a minor applicant to provide satisfactory documentation of residence and citizenship. (4) Requires license, cards, and permits issued to holders of visas of limited duration to expire on the expiration date of the visa. (5) Provides for 10-day licenses to persons who cannot provide a verified social security account number, for use while DMV attempts to verify information provided by the applicant. (6) Adds to required features of a drivers license (a) physical security features designed to prevent tampering, counterfeiting, or duplication for fraudulent purposes, and (b) common machine-readable technology. (7) Adds new GS 20-7(s) to impose additional security-related requirements on DMV. Enacts new GS 20-4.12A, directing the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to ensure that the state participate in the Driver License Agreement, an interstate compact, and directing that the state's drivers license database include sufficient information to qualify for the compact. Effective January 1, 2007.

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