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SENATE DRS85140-MA-196 (3/5)

Short Title: Strengthen Registration Plate Issuance. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Jenkins.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REQUIRE AN INDIVIDUAL TO SHOW PROOF OF RESIDENCE
AND LEGAL PRESENCE PRIOR TO THE ISSUANCE OF A REGISTRATION
PLATE FOR A MOTOR VEHICLE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 20-52 reads as rewritten:

"§ 20-52. Application for registration and certificate of title.

(a) An owner of a vehicle subject to registration must apply to the Division for a certificate of title, a registration plate, and a registration card for the vehicle. To apply, an owner must complete an application form provided by the ~~Division~~. Division and provide a valid North Carolina drivers license or special identification card issued pursuant to this Chapter. The application form must request all of the following information and may request other information the Division considers necessary:

(1) The owner's name.

(1a) If the owner is an individual, the following information:

a. The owner's mailing address and residence address.

b. The owner's social security number.

(1b) If the owner is a firm, a partnership, a corporation, or another entity, the address of the entity.

(2) A description of the vehicle, including the following:

a. The make, model, type of body, and vehicle identification number of the vehicle.

b. Whether the vehicle is new or used and, if a new vehicle, the date the manufacturer or dealer sold the vehicle to the owner and the date the manufacturer or dealer delivered the vehicle to the owner.

1 (3) A statement of the owner's title and of all liens upon the vehicle,
2 including the names and addresses of all lienholders in the order of
3 their priority, and the date and nature of each lien.

4 The application form must contain the disclosures concerning the request for an
5 applicant's social security number required by section 7 of the federal Privacy Act of
6 1974, Pub. L. No. 93-579. In accordance with 42 U.S.C. 405(c)(2)(C)(v), the Division
7 may disclose a social security number obtained under this subsection only for the
8 purpose of administering the motor vehicle registration laws and may not disclose the
9 social security number for any other purpose. The social security number of a person
10 who applies to register a vehicle or of a person in whose name a vehicle is registered is
11 therefore not a public record. A violation of the disclosure restrictions is punishable as
12 provided in 42 U.S.C. 405(c)(2)(C)(vii).

13 (a1) The requirement to produce a valid North Carolina drivers license or special
14 identification card under subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to out-of-state
15 students or active duty military personnel who present a valid license from their home
16 state and a valid identification from the school being attended or a valid active duty
17 military identification card. The Division may also issue a registration plate and
18 certificate of title to individuals, who are not able to attain a license due to medical or
19 physical reasons that can be documented and verified by the Division, for a vehicle to
20 be primarily used to transport the applicant.

21 (b) When such application refers to a new vehicle purchased from a manufacturer
22 or dealer, such application shall be accompanied with a manufacturer's certificate of
23 origin that is properly assigned to the applicant. If the new vehicle is acquired from a
24 dealer or person located in another jurisdiction other than a manufacturer, the
25 application shall be accompanied with such evidence of ownership as is required by the
26 laws of that jurisdiction duly assigned by the disposer to the purchaser, or, if no such
27 evidence of ownership be required by the laws of such other jurisdiction, a notarized bill
28 of sale from the disposer."

29 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.