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SENATE BILL 793

Short Title: Strengthen Registration Plate Issuance. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Jenkins.

Referred to: Judiciary I (Civil).

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE AN INDIVIDUAL TO SHOW PROOF OF RESIDENCE
3 AND LEGAL PRESENCE PRIOR TO THE ISSUANCE OF A REGISTRATION
4 PLATE FOR A MOTOR VEHICLE.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

7 "**§ 20-52. Application for registration and certificate of title.**

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

14 (1) The owner's name.

15 (1a) If the owner is an individual, the following information:

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

17 b. The owner's social security number.

18 (1b) If the owner is a firm, a partnership, a corporation, or another entity,
19 the address of the entity.

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

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

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

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

1 The application form must contain the disclosures concerning the request for an
2 applicant's social security number required by section 7 of the federal Privacy Act of
3 1974, Pub. L. No. 93-579. In accordance with 42 U.S.C. 405(c)(2)(C)(v), the Division
4 may disclose a social security number obtained under this subsection only for the
5 purpose of administering the motor vehicle registration laws and may not disclose the
6 social security number for any other purpose. The social security number of a person
7 who applies to register a vehicle or of a person in whose name a vehicle is registered is
8 therefore not a public record. A violation of the disclosure restrictions is punishable as
9 provided in 42 U.S.C. 405(c)(2)(C)(vii).

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

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

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