

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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CHAPTER 675
HOUSE BILL 1141

AN ACT TO ALLOW THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO USE DIFFERENT COLOR BORDERS TO DISTINGUISH THE AGE OF LICENSE HOLDERS, THEREBY MAKING IT EASIER TO ISSUE DUPLICATE LICENSES BY MAIL WHEN THE PHOTOGRAPH ON THE ORIGINAL LICENSE IS A DIGITIZED IMAGE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

"(n) Format. – A drivers license issued by the Division must be tamperproof and must contain all of the following information:

- (1) An identification of this State as the issuer of the license.
- (2) The license holder's full name.
- (3) The license holder's residence address.
- (4) A color photograph of the license holder, taken by the Division.
- (5) A physical description of the license holder, including sex, height, eye color, and hair color.
- (6) The license holder's date of birth.
- (7) The license holder's social security number or another identifying number assigned by the Division.
- (8) Each class of motor vehicle the license holder is authorized to drive and any endorsements or restrictions that apply.
- (9) The license holder's signature.
- (10) The date the license was issued and the date the license expires.

The Commissioner may waive the requirement of a color photograph on a license if the license holder proves to the satisfaction of the Commissioner that taking the photograph would violate the license holder's religious convictions. In taking photographs of license holders, the Division must distinguish between license holders who are less than 21 years old and license holders who are at least 21 years old by using different color backgrounds or borders for each group. The Division shall determine the different colors to be used.

At the request of an applicant for a drivers license, a license issued to the applicant must contain the applicant's race."

Sec. 2. G.S. 20-14 reads as rewritten:

"§ 20-14. Duplicate licenses.

A person may obtain a duplicate of a license issued by the Division by paying a fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) and giving the Division satisfactory proof that any of the following has occurred:

- (1) The person's license has been lost or destroyed.
- (2) It is necessary to change the name or address on the license.
- (3) Because of age, the person is entitled to a license with a different color photographic ~~background~~ background or a different color border.
- (4) The Division revoked the person's license, the revocation period has expired, and the period for which the license was issued has not expired."

Sec. 3. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 21st day of June, 1996.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives