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HOUSE BILL DRH30087-NE-32A

Short Title: Emergency Info on DMV Applications. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Carson Smith.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT REQUIRING THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO REQUEST
3 EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION ON DRIVERS LICENSE APPLICATIONS
4 AND RENEWAL APPLICATIONS.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 SECTION 1. G.S. 20-7 reads as rewritten:

7 "§ 20-7. Issuance and renewal of drivers licenses.

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9 (b1) Application. – To obtain an identification card, learners permit, or drivers license
10 from the Division, a person shall complete an application form provided by the Division, present
11 at least two forms of identification approved by the Commissioner, be a resident of this State,
12 and, except for an identification card, demonstrate his or her physical and mental ability to drive
13 safely a motor vehicle included in the class of license for which the person has applied. At least
14 one of the forms of identification shall indicate the applicant's residence address. The Division
15 may copy the identification presented or hold it for a brief period of time to verify its authenticity.
16 To obtain an endorsement, a person shall demonstrate his or her physical and mental ability to
17 drive safely the type of motor vehicle for which the endorsement is required.

18 The application form shall request all of the following information, and it shall contain the
19 disclosures concerning the request for an applicant's social security number required by section
20 7 of the federal Privacy Act of 1974, Pub. L. No. 93-579:

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22 (5a) The applicant's emergency contact information. Provision of this information
23 by the applicant shall be optional.

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25 (f) Duration and Renewal of Licenses. – Drivers licenses shall be issued and renewed
26 pursuant to the provisions of this subsection:

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28 (3a) When to renew. – A person may apply to the Division to renew a license
29 during the 180-day period before the license expires. The Division may not
30 accept an application for renewal made before the 180-day period begins. A
31 renewal application shall include an optional request for the applicant to
32 provide updated emergency contact information.

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34 SECTION 2. This act becomes effective October 1, 2026, and applies to applications
35 submitted on or after that date.

