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SENATE DRS35290-ML-81B (02/12)

Short Title: ID Card for Homebound Persons.

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Sponsors: Senator Hunt (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO ALLOW THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO DEVELOP A  
3 PROCESS WHEREBY PERSONS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND CAN APPLY FOR A  
4 SPECIAL PHOTO IDENTIFICATION CARD BY MEANS OTHER THAN PERSONAL  
5 APPEARANCE AND TO MAKE OTHER CLARIFYING CHANGES.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-37.7 reads as rewritten:

8 "**§ 20-37.7. Special identification card.**

9 ...  
10 (b) Application. – To obtain a special identification card from the Division, a person  
11 must complete the application form used to obtain a drivers license. The Division shall adopt  
12 rules allowing a person who is homebound to apply for or renew a special photo identification  
13 card by means other than personal appearance. For purposes of this subsection, a "person who  
14 is homebound" means a person who (i) has a severe disability that causes the person to be  
15 homebound and (ii) has a physician's letter certifying that the person is homebound.

16 ...  
17 (c) Format. – A special identification card shall include a color photograph of the  
18 special identification card holder and be similar in size, shape, and design to a drivers license,  
19 but shall clearly state that it does not entitle the person to whom it is issued to operate a motor  
20 vehicle. A special identification card issued to an applicant must have the same background  
21 color that a drivers license issued to the applicant would have.

22 ...."  
23 **SECTION 2.** By no later than October 1, 2013, the Division shall report to the  
24 Chairs of the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee on the status of the  
25 implementation of a system allowing persons who are homebound to apply for or renew a  
26 special photo identification card by means other than personal appearance. The report shall  
27 include, at a minimum, the costs, benefits, and feasibility of implementing such a system.

28 **SECTION 3.** Section 2 of this act is effective when it becomes law. The remainder  
29 of this act becomes effective July 1, 2014.

