

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2013**

**SESSION LAW 2013-233  
SENATE BILL 712**

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

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** For a person who has a physician's letter certifying that a severe disability causes the person to be homebound, the Division shall adopt rules allowing for application for or renewal of a special photo identification card under G.S. 20-37.7 by means other than a personal appearance.

**SECTION 2.** G.S. 20-37.7(c) reads as rewritten:

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

**SECTION 3.** By no later than October 1, 2013, the Division shall report to the Chairs of the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee on the status of the implementation of a system allowing persons who are homebound to apply for or renew a special photo identification card by means other than personal appearance.

**SECTION 4.** Section 3 of this act is effective when it becomes law. The remainder of this act becomes effective July 1, 2014.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2013.

s/ Daniel J. Forest  
President of the Senate

s/ Thom Tillis  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ Pat McCrory  
Governor

Approved 10:32 a.m. this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 2013

