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SENATE BILL 712

Short Title: ID Card for Homebound Persons. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Hunt (Primary Sponsor); Goolsby, Rabin, and Soucek.

Referred to: Transportation.

April 4, 2013

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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. G.S. 20-37.7 reads as rewritten:

"§ 20-37.7. Special identification card.

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

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(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.

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SECTION 2. 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. The report shall include, at a minimum, the costs, benefits, and feasibility of implementing such a system.

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

