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SENATE BILL 1287
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Short Title: Judicial Department Access to SSN Information. (Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 26, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE OFFICE OF INDIGENT DEFENSE SERVICES OF THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT MAY HAVE ACCESS TO SOCIAL SECURITY INFORMATION SUBMITTED AS PART OF AN APPLICATION FOR A DRIVERS LICENSE AND KEPT ON FILE AT THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 20-7(b2) reads as rewritten:

"(b2) Disclosure of Social Security Number. – The social security number of an applicant is not a public record. The Division may not disclose an applicant's social security number except as allowed under federal law. A violation of the disclosure restrictions is punishable as provided in 42 U.S.C. § 408, and amendments to that law.

In accordance with 42 U.S.C. 405 and 42 U.S.C. 666, and amendments thereto, the Division may disclose a social security number obtained under subsection (b1) of this section only as follows:

(1) For the purpose of administering the drivers license laws.

(2) To the Department of Health and Human Services, Child Support Enforcement Program for the purpose of establishing paternity or child support or enforcing a child support order.

(3) To the Department of Revenue for the purpose of verifying taxpayer identity.

<u>(4)</u> <u>To the Office of Indigent Defense Services of the Judicial Department for the purpose of verifying the identity of a represented client and enforcing a court order to pay for the legal services rendered.</u>"

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.