

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2015

SESSION LAW 2016-75  
HOUSE BILL 523

AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO USE A CERTAIN DESIGNATION ON DRIVERS LICENSES WHEN LISTING THE RACE OF AN APPLICANT WHO IS AMERICAN INDIAN.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

"(n) Format. – A drivers license issued by the Division must be tamperproof and must contain all of the following information:

...  
The Commissioner shall ensure that applicants 21 years old or older are issued drivers licenses and special identification cards that are printed in a horizontal format. The Commissioner shall ensure that applicants under the age of 21 are issued drivers licenses and special identification cards that are printed in a vertical format, that distinguishes them from the horizontal format, for ease of identification of individuals under age 21 by members of industries that regulate controlled products that are sale restricted by age and law enforcement officers enforcing these laws.

At the request of an applicant for a drivers license, a license issued to the applicant must contain the applicant's ~~race~~ race, which shall be designated with the letters "AI" for an applicant who is American Indian."

**SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2016, and applies to drivers licenses issued or renewed on or after that date.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 29<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2016.

s/ Harry Brown  
Presiding Officer of the Senate

s/ Tim Moore  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ Pat McCrory  
Governor

Approved 9:04 a.m. this 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2016

