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HOUSE BILL 523
Senate Transportation Committee Substitute Adopted 6/24/16

Short Title: Drivers License Designation/American Indian.

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Sponsors:

Referred to:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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.

