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SENATE BILL DRS35137-MC-70

Short Title: Mobile Drivers License. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Johnson and Moffitt (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR MOBILE DRIVERS LICENSES.  
3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

4 SECTION 1. G.S. 20-4.01 reads as rewritten:  
5 "§ 20-4.01. Definitions.

6 Unless the context requires otherwise, the following definitions apply throughout this  
7 Chapter to the defined words and phrases and their cognates:

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9 (21b) Mobile Drivers License. – A supplemental digital version of a valid drivers  
10 license that (i) is approved by the Commissioner, (ii) is issued by the Division  
11 of Motor Vehicles, (iii) is comprised of the same data elements as are found  
12 on a valid drivers license, and (iv) is capable of, and limited to, being linked  
13 to, and displayed by, a mobile device owned by the person to whom the valid  
14 drivers license is issued.

15 (21c) Motor Carrier. – A for-hire motor carrier or a private motor carrier.

16 ...."

17 SECTION 2. G.S. 20-7 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

18 "(m1) Mobile Drivers License. – Upon request of an applicant for whom a valid license  
19 exists or is issued, the Commissioner may issue a mobile drivers license as a supplement to the  
20 valid license. A mobile drivers license shall be treated as the legal equivalent of a valid license."

21 SECTION 3. The Division of Motor Vehicles of the North Carolina Department of  
22 Transportation shall study and provide a plan for implementing mobile drivers licenses as  
23 authorized in this act. The study and plan shall address (i) anticipated drivers license issuance  
24 and renewal process changes, (ii) anticipated changes to staffing needs for the Division for  
25 implementation of mobile drivers licenses, (iii) estimated one-time and annual costs to the  
26 Division or any other State agency resulting from implementation, (iv) evaluation of whether  
27 implementation of mobile drivers licenses will be undertaken by the Division or contracted to a  
28 third-party vendor and relevant contractual issues associated with either option, (v) changes in  
29 revenue for the Division or any other State agency, (vi) security and confidentiality of drivers  
30 license information, (vii) concerns of State and local law enforcement agencies within North  
31 Carolina, including examining means by which to prevent unintended violations of an  
32 individual's constitutional rights, (viii) an estimated time line for implementation, including steps  
33 required to facilitate mobile drivers licenses, and (ix) any other issue the Division deems relevant  
34 to the study. The Division shall report its findings of this study, including any legislative  
35 recommendations, to the North Carolina General Assembly, the chairs of the Joint Legislative



1 Transportation Oversight Committee, and the Fiscal Research Division no later than January 1,  
2 2024.

3           **SECTION 4.** Sections 1 and 2 of this act become effective July 1, 2025. The  
4 remainder of this act is effective when it becomes law.