



SENATE BILL 113: DMV/Emergency Contact Information.

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OVERVIEW: *Senate Bill 113 would allow a person applying for a drivers license, permit, or identification card to provide emergency contact information to the Division of Motor Vehicles to be made available to law enforcement in an emergency situation.*

CURRENT LAW: G.S. 20-7(b1) sets out requirements for applications to the Division of Motor Vehicles to obtain drivers licenses, permits, and identification cards. The statute specifies what information is to be requested on the application form provided by the Division. There is currently no provision allowing an applicant to provide emergency contact information to the Division as part of the application process.

BILL ANALYSIS: Senate Bill 113 would direct the Division to include on the application form for a drivers license, permit, or identification card, the option of providing emergency contact information for use by law enforcement in an emergency situation. The bill would further direct the Division to develop a system for updating the information in person, online, or by mail. The Division would not be authorized to charge a fee for providing this option. Emergency contact information would not be considered a public record, and the Division and law enforcement officers using the information would be immune from any liability in maintaining and using the information in the absence of gross negligence or willful misconduct.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The act would become effective July 1, 2020.

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