



# HOUSE BILL 218: Emergency Info on DMV Applications.

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**OVERVIEW:** *House Bill 218 would require that certain applications from the Division of Motor Vehicles allow applicants to provide emergency contact information. Providing the requested emergency contact information would be optional for the applicant.*

**CURRENT LAW:** G.S. 20-7, provides the laws related to the issuance and renewal of an identification card, learners permit, and drivers license.

G.S. 20-7(b1) provides that the application form for these documents shall request the following information:

- The applicant's full name, mailing address, and residence address.
- A physical description of the applicant.
- The applicant's date of birth and social security number.
- The applicant's signature.

G.S. 20-7(f) provides the criteria and procedure for the renewal of a drivers license.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** House Bill 218 would modify G.S. 20-7 to require that applications for an identification card, learners permit, and drivers license would allow an applicant to provide emergency contact information. House Bill 218 would also modify G.S. 20-7 to require that applications for renewal of a driver's license would allow an applicant to provide emergency contact information. Providing this emergency contact information would be optional for the applicant.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The act would become effective October 1, 2026, and apply to applications submitted on or after that date.

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