



# SENATE BILL 801: Address Confidentiality/Study & DL.

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**OVERVIEW:** *Senate Bill 801 would provide for both of the following:*

- *Establish a Task Force to study to evaluate how to protect personal identifying information of susceptible individuals, such as military personnel, special ops forces, elected officials, and others.*
- *Allow special operations force members to apply for, and receive, a substitute driver's license or special operators card that does not contain the license holder's residence address, upon payment of the duplicate license fee.*

## CURRENT LAW & BILL ANALYSIS:

**Section 1** of the bill would require the Department of Justice, the Administrative Office of the Courts, the Division of Motor Vehicles, the State Board of Elections, and the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (the Task Force), to collectively study the feasibility of, and barriers to, expanding the Address Confidentiality Program under Chapter 15C of the General Statutes. The Task Force may consult with the University of North Carolina System, the Register of Deeds Association, the Real Estate Commission, and any other effected group or groups. The Task Force would be required to report to the General Assembly no later than April 1, 2027, with findings and recommendations. The report, findings and recommendations, records, data, analyses, and materials prepared or collected by the group in connection with the study authorized by this section shall not be a public record.

**Section 2** of the bill would allow a member of the special operations forces to apply for, and receive, a substitute driver's license or special identification card from the Division of Motor Vehicles without the license holder's residence address. The special operation force member seeking the substitute driver's license or special identification card would be required to pay the duplicate license fee of \$16.75. All documents related to the substitute driver's license or special identification card would not be a public record. However, the residence address of the license holder would be available to law enforcement upon request.

For this purpose only, a special operations force member would be any member, whether active or reserve component forces, of the United States military services and specifically organized, trained, and equipped to conduct and support special operations, as certified by Commander of the United States Special Operations Command.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Effective when it becomes law.

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