

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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CHAPTER 206
SENATE BILL 746

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE USE OF MOTORIZED WHEELCHAIRS OR
SIMILAR VEHICLES NOT EXCEEDING 1000 POUNDS GROSS WEIGHT FOR
PEDESTRIAN PURPOSES BY PERSONS WITH MOBILITY IMPAIRMENTS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Article 3 of Chapter 20 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new Part to read:

"Part 11B. Pedestrian Rights and Duties of Persons
with a Mobility Impairment.

"§ 20-175.5. Use of motorized wheelchairs or similar vehicles not exceeding 1000 pounds gross weight.

While a person with a mobility impairment as defined in G.S. 20-37.5 operates a motorized wheelchair or similar vehicle not exceeding 1000 pounds gross weight in order to provide that person with the mobility of a pedestrian, that person is subject to all the laws, ordinances, regulations, rights and responsibilities which would otherwise apply to a pedestrian, but is not subject to Part 10 of this Article or any other law, ordinance or regulation otherwise applicable to motor vehicles."

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective October 1, 1991.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 4th day of June, 1991.

James C. Gardner
President of the Senate

Daniel Blue, Jr.
Speaker of the House of Representatives