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HOUSE BILL 1145
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Short Title: Registration Required for Mopeds.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

May 21, 2014

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE MOPEDS TO BE REGISTERED WITH THE DIVISION OF
3 MOTOR VEHICLES.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** Article 3 of Chapter 20 of the General Statutes is amended by adding
6 a new section to read:

7 **"§ 20-53.4. Registration of Mopeds.**

8 Mopeds shall be registered with the Division. The owner of the moped shall pay the same
9 base fee and be issued the same type of registration card and plate issued for a motorcycle. In
10 order to be registered with the Division and operated upon a highway or public vehicular area,
11 a moped must meet the following requirements:

12 (1) The moped has a manufacturer's certificate of origin.

13 (2) The moped was designed and manufactured for use on highways or public
14 vehicular areas."

15 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 20-51(9) is repealed.

16 **SECTION 3.** G.S. 20-76 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

17 "(c) Whenever an applicant for the registration of a moped is unable to present a
18 manufacturer's certificate of origin for the moped, the applicant must submit an affidavit stating
19 why the applicant does not have the manufacturer's certificate of origin and attesting that the
20 applicant is entitled to registration. Upon receipt of the application and accompanying affidavit,
21 the Division shall issue the applicant a registration card and plate. The Division may not require
22 the applicant to post a bond as required under subsection (b) of this section. A person damaged
23 by issuance of the registration card does not have a right of action against the Division."

24 **SECTION 4.** The Division of Motor Vehicles, in conjunction with the Department
25 of Justice, the Department of Public Safety, and the Department of Insurance, shall study
26 whether additional statutory changes are needed to ensure the safe operation of mopeds. The
27 report shall include data on (i) the number of mopeds involved in traffic accidents, (ii) the
28 number and types of injuries resulting from traffic accidents involving mopeds, and (iii) the
29 causes for the traffic accidents involving mopeds. The Division shall submit a report on its
30 analysis, findings, and recommendations, including any additional statutory changes, to the
31 Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee on or before February 1, 2016.

32 **SECTION 5.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2015, and applies to offenses
33 committed on or after that date.

