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SENATE DRS25059-RV-8 (03/03)

Short Title: Red Light Exception for Motorcycles.

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Sponsors: Senator Allran.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION TO G.S. 20-158 RELATING TO
MOTORCYCLES AND TRAFFIC-CONTROL SIGNALS ACTIVATED BY
VEHICLE DETECTION DEVICES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 20-158 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(e) The driver of a motorcycle approaching an intersection that is controlled by a triggered traffic-control signal using a vehicle detection device that is inoperative due to the size of the motorcycle, shall come to a full and complete stop at the intersection. If the signal fails to operate after one cycle of the traffic signal, the driver may proceed after exercising due caution and care to determine that no motor vehicle or person is approaching on the street or highway to be crossed or entered or is so far away from the intersection that it does not constitute an immediate hazard. It is not a defense to a violation of this section that the driver of a motorcycle proceeded under the belief that a traffic-control signal used a vehicle detection device or was inoperative due to the size of the motorcycle when the signal did not in fact use a vehicle detection device or the device was not in fact inoperative due to the size of the motorcycle."

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective September 1, 2007, and applies to violations occurring on or after that date.