

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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HOUSE DRH70088-MA-202 (03/10)

Short Title: Modify Motorcycle Helmet Requirements. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Hastings, T. Moore, and McCormick (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO REPEAL THE REQUIREMENT THAT A PERSON WHO IS EIGHTEEN  
3 YEARS OLD OR OLDER WEAR A HELMET WHILE OPERATING A MOTORCYCLE  
4 ON A PUBLIC STREET OR HIGHWAY OR PUBLIC VEHICULAR AREA.  
5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:  
6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-140.4 reads as rewritten:  
7 "**§ 20-140.4. Special provisions for motorcycles and mopeds.**  
8 (a) No person shall operate a motorcycle or moped upon a public street or highway or  
9 public vehicular area:  
10 (1) When the number of persons upon such motorcycle or moped, including the  
11 operator, shall exceed the number of persons which it was designed to carry.  
12 (2) Unless ~~the~~an operator and all passengers who are under 18 years of age  
13 thereon wear on their heads, with a retention strap properly secured, safety  
14 helmets of a type that complies with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard  
15 (FMVSS) 218.  
16 ...."  
17 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

