

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1979 SESSION

CHAPTER 574
HOUSE BILL 1086

AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 20 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES RELATIVE TO
MO-PEDS OR BICYCLES WITH HELPER MOTORS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 20-4.01 is hereby amended by adding a new definition to be designated number (22a), said new definition to read as follows:

"(22a) Mo-ped. A type of passenger vehicle as defined in G.S. 20-4.01(27)."

Sec. 2. G.S. 20-4.01(27) is hereby amended by inserting a definition of mo-ped to be designated as subdivision "e" and by redesignating the remaining subdivisions as "f", "g" and "h" respectively, said new subdivision "e" to read as follows:

"e. Mo-ped. Vehicles having two or three wheels and operable pedals and equipped with a motor which does not exceed 50 cubic centimeters piston displacement and cannot propel the vehicle at a speed greater than 20 miles per hour on a level surface."

Sec. 3. G.S. 20-4.01(27)d is hereby amended by striking the words "bicycles with helper motors rated less than one brake horsepower which produce only ordinary pedaling speeds up to a maximum of 20 miles per hour" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "mo-peds as defined in subdivision 'e' of this subsection".

Sec. 4. G.S. 20-4.01(23) is hereby amended by striking the last sentence thereof and inserting in lieu thereof: "This shall not include mo-peds as defined in G.S. 20-4.01(27)e."

Sec. 5. G.S. 20-50.1 is hereby repealed.

Sec. 6. G.S. 20-51 is hereby amended by adding a new subdivision to be designated subdivision "(9)" and to read as follows:

"(9) Mo-peds as defined in G.S. 20-4.01(27)e."

Sec. 7. G.S. 20-8(7) is rewritten to read as follows:

"Any person who is at least 16 years of age while operating a Mo-ped".

Sec. 8. Chapter 20 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 20-10.1. Mo-peds. It shall be unlawful for any person who is under the age of 16 years to operate a moped as defined in G.S. 20-4.01(27)e upon any highway or public vehicular area of this State."

Sec. 9. This act shall become effective July 1, 1979.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 16th day of May, 1979.