

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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CHAPTER 755
HOUSE BILL 1175

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AND FUND A PROGRAM OF MOTORCYCLE SAFETY INSTRUCTION AND TO PROVIDE THAT A DISCOUNT INSURANCE RATE MAY BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR CERTIFIED GRADUATES OF THE PROGRAM.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Chapter 115D of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new Article to read:

"ARTICLE 6A.

"Motorcycle Safety Instruction.

"§ 115D-72. Motorcycle Safety Instruction Program.

(a) There is created a Motorcycle Safety Instruction Program for the purpose of establishing statewide motorcycle safety instruction to be delivered through the Department of Community Colleges. The Program may be administered by a motorcycle safety coordinator who shall be responsible for the planning, curriculum, and completion requirements of the Program. The State Board of Community Colleges may elect a motorcycle safety coordinator upon nomination of the President of the Community College System, and the compensation of the motorcycle safety coordinator shall be fixed by the State Board upon recommendation of the President of the Community College System pursuant to G.S. 115D-3. The State Board of Community Colleges may contract with an appropriate public or private agency or person to carry out the duties of the motorcycle safety coordinator.

(b) The Motorcycle Safety Instruction Program shall be implemented through the Department of Community Colleges at institutions which choose to provide the Program. The motorcycle safety coordinator shall select and facilitate the training and certification of instructors who will implement the Program."

Sec. 2. G.S. 20-87(6) reads as rewritten:

"(6) Private Motorcycles. – The base tax on private passenger motorcycles shall be nine dollars (\$9.00); except that when a motorcycle is equipped with an additional form of device designed to transport persons or property, the base tax shall be sixteen dollars (\$16.00). A tax of three dollars (\$3.00) is imposed on each private motorcycle registered under this subdivision in addition to the base tax. The revenue from the additional tax shall be deposited in the General Fund."

Sec. 3. G.S. 58-124.31 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(m) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, with respect to motorcycle insurance under the jurisdiction of the Bureau, any member of the Bureau may apply for and use in this State, subject to the Commissioner's approval, a downward deviation in the rates of insureds who show proof of satisfactory completion of the Motorcycle Safety Instruction Program."

Sec. 4. This act shall become effective October 1, 1989, and shall expire October 1, 1993.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 10th day of August, 1989.