

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
1977 SESSION

CHAPTER 1123  
SENATE BILL 651

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR REGULATION OF BICYCLES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**Section 1.** Article 3 of Chapter 20 of the General Statutes of North Carolina is hereby amended by adding a new Part to be designated Part 10A and to read as follows:

"PART 10A.

"Operation of Bicycles.

"§ 20-171.1. **Definitions.** — As used in this Part, except where the context clearly requires otherwise, the words and expressions defined in this section shall be held to have the meanings here given to them:

Bicycle. A nonmotorized vehicle with two or three wheels tandem, a steering handle, one or two saddle seats, and pedals by which the vehicle is propelled.

"§ 20-171.2. **Bicycle racing.** — (a) Bicycle racing on the highways is prohibited except as authorized in this section.

(b) Bicycle racing on a highway shall not be unlawful when a racing event has been approved by State or local authorities on any highway under their respective jurisdictions. Approval of bicycle highway racing events shall be granted only under conditions which assure reasonable safety for all race participants, spectators and other highway users, and which prevent unreasonable interference with traffic flow which would seriously inconvenience other highway users.

(c) By agreement with the approving authority, participants in an approved bicycle highway racing event may be exempted from compliance with any traffic laws otherwise applicable thereto, provided that traffic control is adequate to assure the safety of all highway users."

**Sec. 2.** This act shall become effective January 1, 1978.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 1st day of July, 1977.