

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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CHAPTER 1069
HOUSE BILL 2654

AN ACT TO EXEMPT MOTORIZED WHEELCHAIRS FROM THE DEFINITION
OF "VEHICLE" IN CHAPTER 20 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 20-4.01(49) reads as rewritten:

"(49) Vehicle.—Every device in, upon, or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a highway, excepting devices moved by human power or used exclusively upon fixed rails or tracks; provided, that for the purposes of this Chapter bicycles shall be deemed vehicles and every rider of a bicycle upon a highway shall be subject to the provisions of this Chapter applicable to the driver of a vehicle except those which by their nature can have no application. This term shall not include a device which is designed for and intended to be used as a means of transportation for a person with a mobility impairment, is suitable for use both inside and outside a building, and whose maximum speed does not exceed 12 miles per hour when the device is being operated by a person with a mobility impairment."

Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 7th day of July, 1988.