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Short Title: Motorcycle Learners Permit. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Ellis.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO ISSUE A MOTORCYCLE LEARNER'S PERMIT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 20-7(a1) reads as rewritten:

"(a1) Motorcycles and Mopeds. – To drive a motorcycle, a person must have a drivers license and with a motorcycle endorsement. endorsement or a motorcycle learner's permit. To obtain a motorcycle endorsement, a person must demonstrate competence to drive a motorcycle by passing a road test and a written or oral test concerning a motorcycle and must pay the fee for a motorcycle endorsement. Neither a drivers license nor a motorcycle endorsement is required to drive a moped. Subsection (a2) of this section sets the requirements for a motorcycle learner's permit."

Section 2. G.S. 20-7 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

- "(a2) Motorcycle Learner's Permit. The following persons are eligible for a motorcycle learner's permit:
 - (1) A person who is at least 16 years old but less than 18 years old and has a limited provisional license or a full provisional license issued by the Division;
 - (2) A person who is at least 18 years old and has a license issued by the Division.

To obtain a motorcycle learner's permit, an applicant must pass a vision test, road sign test, and a written test specified by the Division. A motorcycle learner's permit expires six months after it is issued. The permit may be renewed once. The holder of a motorcycle learner's permit may not drive a motorcycle with a passenger. The fee for a motorcycle learner's permit is fifteen dollars (\$15.00). The fee does not apply to the renewal of a permit. Four dollars (\$4.00) of the fee shall be credited to the North Carolina Motorcycle Safety Education Program Fund."

Section 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.