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HOUSE BILL 205

Short Title: Motorcycle Awareness Month. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Hastings, T. Moore, McCormick, and Folwell (Primary Sponsors).

For a complete list of Sponsors, see Bill Information on the NCGA Web Site.

Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

March 3, 2011

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF MAY AS MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH.

Whereas, motorcycle riding is a popular form of recreation and transportation for thousands of citizens across North Carolina and the United States; and

Whereas, as of June 2010, North Carolina had over 183,500 registered motorcycles and more than 453,240 licensed drivers who had either a motorcycle endorsement or a motorcycle learner's permit; and

Whereas, it is important that the citizens of North Carolina be aware of motorcycles on the roadways and recognize the importance of motorcycle safety and of sharing the roadways; and

Whereas, the safe operation of a motorcycle is enhanced through a combination of rider training and experience, good judgment, and a knowledge of traffic laws and licensing requirements; and

Whereas, several organizations, such as the Concerned Bikers Association/ABATE of North Carolina, along with the North Carolina Motorcycle Safety Education Program, and other State and local motorcycle clubs and riding or social clubs are committed to increasing the safe operation of motorcycles by promoting rider safety education programs; their goal is to alert the motorists of North Carolina to a safety promotion known as "Look Twice, Save a Life, Motorcycles are Everywhere"; and

Whereas, Motorcycle Awareness Month is designed to increase public awareness about motorcycles and to encourage their safe and proper use among motorcycle riders; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Chapter 103 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 103-12. Motorcycle Awareness Month.

The month of May of each year is designated as Motorcycle Awareness Month in the State of North Carolina."

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.

