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SENATE BILL 353

Short Title: Motorcycle Safety Act. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Harrington (Primary Sponsor); Daniel, J. Davis, Rabon, and Soucek.

Referred to: Transportation.

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2 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
3 AN ACT TO INCREASE PENALTIES FOR UNSAFE MOVEMENTS BY DRIVERS THAT  
4 THREATEN THE PROPERTY AND SAFETY OF MOTORCYCLISTS.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 SECTION 1. G.S. 20-154 reads as rewritten:  
7 "§ 20-154. Signals on starting, stopping or turning.

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9 (a1) A person who violates subsection (a) of this section and causes a motorcycle  
10 operator to change travel lanes or leave that portion of any public street or highway designated  
11 as travel lanes shall be responsible for an infraction and shall be assessed a fine of not less than  
12 two hundred dollars (\$200.00). A person who violates subsection (a) of this section that results  
13 in a crash causing property damage or personal injury to a motorcycle operator or passenger  
14 shall be responsible for an infraction and shall be assessed a fine of not less than five hundred  
15 dollars ~~(\$500.00)~~(\$500.00) unless subsection (a2) of this section applies.

16 (a2) A person who violates subsection (a) of this section and the violation results in a  
17 crash causing property damage in excess of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) or a serious bodily  
18 injury as defined in G.S. 20-160.1(b) to a motorcycle operator or passenger shall be responsible  
19 for an infraction and shall be assessed a fine of not less than seven hundred fifty dollars  
20 (\$750.00). A violation of this subsection shall be treated as a failure to yield right-of-way to a  
21 motorcycle for purposes of assessment of points under G.S. 20-16(c). In addition, the trial  
22 judge shall have the authority to order the license of any driver violating this subsection  
23 suspended for a period not to exceed 30 days.

24 ...."

25 SECTION 2. This act becomes effective October 1, 2013, and applies to violations  
26 committed on or after that date.

