

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NUMBER: Senate Bill 1125 (First Edition) REVISED

SHORT TITLE: Motorcycle Safety Act

SPONSOR(S): Senator East

FISCAL IMPACT					
	Yes (X)	No ()	No Estimate Available ()		
	<u>FY 2000-01</u>	<u>FY 2001-02</u>	<u>FY 2002-03</u>	<u>FY 2003-04</u>	<u>FY 2004-05</u>
REVENUES					
General Fund	\$182,152*	\$182,152	\$182,152	\$182,152	\$182,152
EXPENDITURES					
General Fund					
Community Colleges	\$182,152*	\$182,152	\$182,152	\$182,152	\$182,152
Highway Fund	\$17,800				
 PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) & PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED: DOT Division of Motor Vehicles, Department of Community Colleges					
EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 1999*					
*See Technical Considerations					

BILL SUMMARY: Modifies the requirement for the use of helmets by operators and passengers on motorcycles and increases the tax on private motorcycle registrations that is used to provide funds for motorcycle safety courses at Community Colleges.

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY: There are 91,076 licensed motorcycles in the State. This bill would amend G.S. 20-87(6), to increase the annual tax imposed on each private motorcycle from \$3.00 to \$5.00. The increased annual revenues to the General Fund would be 91,076 multiplied by the increased tax per motorcycle of \$2.00 per year for an annual total of \$182,152. The additional funds would be used to fund the Motorcycle Safety Instruction Program established pursuant to G.S. 115D-72. (There is also a base tax on motorcycles of \$9.00 per year that goes to the Highway Fund.)

DMV notes that several computer programs of the State Titling and Registration System (STARS) must be revised to implement this change. DMV estimates the cost of this programming at \$17,800, based on 160 hours of programming at \$100 per hour plus ITS charges. **TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS:** The effective date of HB 1203 (First Edition) is October 1, 1999. If the effective date is amended to October 1, 2000, the General Fund revenue and expenditure increases for FY 2000-01 would be three quarters of the amount shown above, or \$136,614.

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