

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 1686

Short Title: Bicycle Safety Changes. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Cole; Hughes, Neumann, and Whilden.

Referred to: Transportation, if favorable, Judiciary III.

May 13, 2010

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ENSURE THE SAFE OPERATION OF BICYCLES BEING OPERATED IN
GROUPS OF TWO OR MORE ON THE STATE'S STREETS AND HIGHWAYS, AS
RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE TRANSPORTATION OVERSIGHT
COMMITTEE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Chapter 20 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new
section to read:

"§ 20-171.3. Operation of bicycles on streets and highways.

Bicyclists riding bicycles upon a street or highway shall not ride more than two abreast, except on paths or parts of roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles. Persons riding two abreast shall not impede the normal and reasonable movement of traffic and, on a laned roadway, shall ride within a single lane. Persons riding two abreast shall move into a single file formation as quickly as is practicable when being overtaken from the rear by a faster moving vehicle."

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective December 1, 2010, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

