

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE DRH90021-LG-46 (02/15)

Short Title: Motorcycle Awareness Month. (Public)

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

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF MAY AS MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS
3 MONTH.

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

27 **"§ 103-12. Motorcycle Awareness Month.**

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

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

