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HOUSE BILL 1175\*  
Committee Substitute Favorable 6/14/89

Short Title: Motorcycle Safety Program.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AND FUND A PROGRAM OF MOTORCYCLE SAFETY  
INSTRUCTION AND TO PROVIDE THAT A DISCOUNT INSURANCE RATE  
MAY BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR CERTIFIED GRADUATES OF THE  
PROGRAM.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Chapter 115D of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new  
Article to read:

**“ARTICLE 6A.**

**"MOTORCYCLE SAFETY INSTRUCTION.**

**"§ 115D-72. Motorcycle Safety Instruction Program.**

(a) There is created a Motorcycle Safety Instruction Program for the purpose of establishing statewide motorcycle safety instruction to be delivered through the Department of Community Colleges. The Program may be administered by a motorcycle safety coordinator who shall be responsible for the planning, curriculum, and completion requirements of the Program. The State Board of Community Colleges may elect a motorcycle safety coordinator upon nomination of the President of the Community College System, and the compensation of the motorcycle safety coordinator shall be fixed by the State Board upon recommendation of the President of the Community College System pursuant to G.S. 115D-3; provided, however, that the motorcycle safety coordinator shall be paid, and the operations of the office of the motorcycle safety coordinator shall be funded only from the Motorcycle Safety Instruction Fund created by G.S. 20-88.2. Provided, further, that the State Board of

1 Community Colleges may contract with an appropriate public or private agency or  
2 person to carry out the duties of the motorcycle safety coordinator. The funds to cover  
3 the cost of the contract shall come from the Motorcycle Safety Instruction Fund.

4 (b) The Motorcycle Safety Instruction Program shall be implemented through the  
5 Department of Community Colleges at institutions which choose to provide the  
6 Program. The motorcycle safety coordinator shall select and facilitate the training and  
7 certification of instructors who will implement the Program."

8 Sec. 2. G.S. 20-87(6) reads as rewritten:

9 "(6) Private Motorcycles. – The tax on private passenger motorcycles shall be ~~nine~~  
10 ~~dollars (\$9.00)~~ twelve dollars (\$12.00); except that when a motorcycle is equipped with  
11 an additional form of device designed to transport persons or property, the tax shall be  
12 ~~sixteen dollars (\$16.00)~~ nineteen dollars (\$19.00)."

13 Sec. 3. Chapter 20 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new  
14 section to read:

15 **"§ 20-88.2. Motorcycle Safety Instruction Fund.**

16 Beginning July 1, 1989, for each private motorcycle registered in this State, three  
17 dollars (\$3.00) of the registration fee collected by the Division pursuant to G.S. 20-  
18 87(6) shall be placed in the General Fund. There is created a Motorcycle Safety  
19 Instruction Fund to be administered by the Department of Community Colleges to  
20 finance the Motorcycle Safety Instruction Program established pursuant to G.S. 115D-  
21 72."

22 Sec. 4. G.S. 58-124.31 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

23 "(m) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, with respect to motorcycle  
24 insurance under the jurisdiction of the Bureau, any member of the Bureau may apply for  
25 and use in this State, subject to the Commissioner's approval, a downward deviation in  
26 the rates of insureds who show proof of satisfactory completion of the Motorcycle  
27 Safety Instruction Program once every three years."

28 Sec. 5. This act shall become effective July 1, 1989.