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HOUSE BILL 1603
Committee Substitute Favorable 5/4/07

Short Title: Study Moped/Golf Cart Liability Issues.

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Sponsors:

Referred to:

April 19, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE TRANSPORTATION
3 OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE TO STUDY ISSUES RELATED TO THE USE AND
4 LIABILITY OF MOPEDS AND GOLF CARTS ON THE PUBLIC ROADS,
5 HIGHWAYS, AND PUBLIC VEHICULAR AREAS.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** The Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee
8 may study issues related to mopeds, as defined in G.S. 105-164.3, and golf carts. If the
9 Committee undertakes the study, the Committee shall study all issues related to the use
10 of mopeds and golf carts on the public roads, highways, and public vehicular areas and
11 to the risks and liabilities associated with the use of mopeds and golf carts and shall
12 review statistics related to crashes caused by mopeds and golf carts, including bodily
13 injury to or death of persons and injury to or destruction of property.

14 The Committee shall determine whether the State should require owners of
15 mopeds and golf carts to maintain liability insurance on, or some other form of financial
16 responsibility for, mopeds and golf carts. In developing its recommendations, the
17 Committee shall review Articles 9 and 13A of Chapter 20 of the General Statutes and
18 shall determine whether those Articles should be applicable to mopeds and golf carts as
19 if they were motor vehicles. The Committee shall also make recommendations
20 regarding whether mopeds and golf carts should be registered with the Division of
21 Motor Vehicles, including the amount of the registration fee, if any, and all procedures
22 related to the registration.

23 **SECTION 2.** The Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee
24 shall report its findings and recommendations, including all legislative proposals, to the
25 2008 Regular Session of the 2007 General Assembly by April 1, 2008.

26 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.