

April 1, 1999

H 898. CHILD BICYCLE SAFETY ACT. TO REQUIRE THE USE OF CERTAIN SAFETY EQUIPMENT BY CHILDREN WHILE THEY ARE BICYCLE OPERATORS OR PASSENGERS.

Adds a new Part 10B ("Child Bicycle Safety Act") to Art. 3 of GS Ch. 20. Makes it unlawful for anyone under 18 to operate a bicycle (or be a passenger on a bicycle) on a public roadway, bicycle path, or other right-of-way unless at all times the person wears a protective helmet of good fit fastened securely. Person must be able to maintain an erect seated position on the bicycle and either (1) occupy a regular seat on the bicycle or (2) if less than 40 pounds in weight or 40 inches in height, be properly seated in and secured to a restraining seat. Makes it unlawful for a parent or legal guardian to knowingly let a person under 18 ride on a bicycle in violation of the statute. Makes it unlawful for anyone to lease or rent a bicycle for use by a person under 18 unless the person has in possession a helmet or a helmet is rented with the bicycle. Provides that violation results in a \$30 fine, except that on first offense the fine may be waived on proof that the responsible person has acquired a helmet and intends to see to its use. Provides that no negligence or liability may be assessed or imputed to any party on account of a violation of these provisions. Effective Oct. 1, 1999.

Intro. by McAllister.

Ref. to Highways

GS 20

April 20, 1999

H 898. CHILD BICYCLE SAFETY ACT. Intro. 4/1/99. House amendment makes the following changes to 1st edition. Decreases from \$30 to \$10 the maximum civil fine for infraction set out in proposed new GS 20-171.10(a).

April 27, 1999

H 898. CHILD BICYCLE SAFETY ACT. Intro. 4/1/99. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Deletes prohibition on renting or leasing bicycles to persons under age 18 without a helmet in their possession or as part of the rental or lease transaction.

April 28, 1999

H 898. CHILD BICYCLE SAFETY ACT. Intro. 4/13/1999. House amendment makes the following changes to 3rd edition. Changes bicycle helmet requirements applicable to bicycle riders and passengers under age 18 to make them applicable to bicycle riders and passengers under age 13.