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H 670. MOTORCYCLE SAFETY ACT. *TO MODIFY THE REQUIREMENT FOR THE USE OF HELMETS BY OPERATORS AND PASSENGERS ON MOTORCYCLES AND TO ADJUST THE FEE ON PRIVATE MOTORCYCLE REGISTRATIONS IN ORDER TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR THE MOTORCYCLE SAFETY PROGRAM.* Amends GS 20-140.4(a)(2) to provide that a motorcycle operator who is 21 years old or older and has had a motorcycle license or endorsement for more than 12 months may operate a motorcycle without a helmet. Further provides that a passenger who is 21 years old or older and is riding with an operator who is not required to wear a helmet may also ride without a helmet. Enacts new GS 20-87 to impose an annual fee of \$14 on private passenger motorcycles, and a fee of \$21 if the motorcycle is equipped with a device designed to transport persons or property. Of this fee, \$5 is to be used to fund the Motorcycle Safety Instruction Program. Effective Oct. 1, 2003.

Intro. by K. Williams, Sauls.

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