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H 1451. BICYCLE PROTECTION ACT. Filed 4/9/09. *TO AMEND THE LAWS RELATED TO THE OPERATION OF BICYCLES.*

Adds new GS 20-171.3 providing that a person riding a bicycle upon a roadway must be granted all of the right and is subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle except as to those special provisions of Article 10A (operation of bicycles) and those provisions of GS Chapter 20 which by their nature can have no application. Adds new provisions regarding bicycle lanes, riding on roadways and bicycle paths, manner of riding bicycles, number of persons which may be carried on bicycles, maintenance of safe operating distances between motor vehicles and bicycles, prohibiting harassing or throwing objects at bicyclists (punishable by a \$250 fine or up to 30 days imprisonment, or both), clinging to vehicles, carrying articles, signaling turns, requiring bicycle brakes, and authorized police patrol bicycles. Effective December 1, 2009, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

Intro. by Harrison.

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