

February 4, 2009

**S 64. MOTORCYCLE LEARNER'S PERMIT.** Filed 2/4/09. *TO SHORTEN THE DURATION AND AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A MOTORCYCLE LEARNER'S PERMIT, AND CLARIFY THE REQUIREMENTS FOR OBTAINING A MOTORCYCLE ENDORSEMENT.*

Amends GS 20-7(a1) to allow a person to drive a motorcycle who has one of the following: a full provisional license with a motorcycle learner's permit, a regular drivers license with a motorcycle learner's permit, a full provisional license with a motorcycle endorsement, or a regular drivers license with a motorcycle endorsement. Amends the requirements for obtaining a motorcycle endorsement by requiring a person to pay a motorcycle endorsement fee and allowing a person either to pass a riding skills test or to complete the North Carolina Motorcycle Safety Education Program Basic Rider Course or Experienced Rider Course. Omits the triple requirement of passing a road test, passing a test concerning motorcycles, and paying a fee.

Amends GS 20-7(a2) by specifying that an applicant for a motorcycle learner's permit who is under 18 or has held a drivers license for less than two years must complete the North Carolina Motorcycle Safety Education Program Basic Rider Course to obtain a permit. Provides that motorcycle learner's permits expire six months (was, 18 months) after issuance and may be renewed for an additional six months.

Effective October 1, 2009.

**Intro. by Brown.**

GS 20

March 10, 2009

**S 64. MOTORCYCLE LEARNER'S PERMIT.** Filed 2/4/09. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Modifies proposed new language in GS 20-7(a1) to require that for a person to obtain a motorcycle endorsement, a person must demonstrate competence to drive by passing a written or oral test concerning motorcycles (was, by passing a riding skills test administered by the Division of Motor Vehicles) *and* (was, or) providing proof of successful completion of *one* of the following: (1) *the Motorcycle Safety Foundation Basic Rider Course or Experienced Rider Course*, (2) the North Carolina Motorcycle Safety Education Program Basic Rider Course or Experienced Rider Course, or (3) *any course approved by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles*. Adds that a person under 18 years old with a motorcycle endorsement may not drive with a passenger.

Amends proposed language in GS 20-7(a2) to add that a motorcycle learner's permit applicant, who is under 18 years old or has held a valid driver's license for less than two years, is required to successfully complete *the Motorcycle Safety Foundation Basic Rider Course* or the North Carolina Motorcycle Safety Education Program Basic Rider Course.

Changes the effective date from October 1, 2009, to January 1, 2010.

March 11, 2009

**S 64. MOTORCYCLE LEARNER'S PERMIT.** Filed 2/4/09. Senate amendments make the following changes to the 2nd edition. Amendment # 2 directs the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles (Commissioner) to study the availability of spaces for students in motorcycle education courses that the Commissioner has approved in the state to determine if there is adequate space in the available courses to meet the expected demand and if the projected wait time for an applicant to get a space in a course required under this act will be more than four weeks. Requires the Commissioner to report to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations on or before March 1, 2010. Also changes the effective date to July 1, 2010, for Section 1 (amending GS 20-7(a1)) and Section 2 (amending GS 20-7(a2)). Effective when the act becomes law for the remainder of the act (was, entire act effective January 1, 2010). Amendment # 1 provides that the requirement for completing a riding course specified in this act does not apply to a motorcycle learner's permit issued before the effective date of this act or to a renewal of any motorcycle endorsement that was issued before the effective date of this act. Also provides that a motorcycle learner's permit issued before the effective date of this act expires on the date indicated on the permit, and may be renewed for one additional six-month period.

June 30, 2009

**S 64. MOTORCYCLE LEARNER'S PERMIT.** Filed 2/4/09. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 3rd edition. Requires that motorcycle courses approved by the Commissioner of the Division of Motor Vehicles under GS 20-7(a1) be consistent with instruction provided through the Motorcycle Safety Instruction Program established by GS 115D-72. Requires that applicants for motorcycle endorsement who are under the age of 21 years (was, 18 years) complete the Motorcycle Safety Foundation Basic Rider Course or the NC Motorcycle Safety Education Program Basic Rider Course.

July 29, 2009

**S 64. MOTORCYCLE LEARNER'S PERMIT.** Filed 2/4/09. House amendment makes the following changes to 4th edition. Reorganizes amendments to GS 20-7(a1) to create different requirements for obtaining a motorcycle endorsement for persons under 18 years of age. Retains substantially the same requirements in existing law for obtaining a motorcycle endorsement for a person 18 years of age and older (restores the requirement for a person to take a road test, which was deleted in the 4th edition). Provides that for a person under age 18 to obtain a motorcycle endorsement, the person must demonstrate competence to drive a motorcycle by (1) passing a written or oral test concerning motorcycles and (2) providing proof of successful completion of one of the specified safety programs (all individuals were required to provide proof of completion of a safety program in the 4th edition), in addition to paying the required fee. Provides that in proposed amended GS 20-7(a2) that an applicant for a motorcycle learner's permit who is under 18 years old (was, under 21 years old or an applicant who has held a valid driver's license for less than two years) must complete one of the specified safety programs. Also provides that a motorcycle learner's permit expires 12 (was, six) months after it is issued.

Requires the UNC Highway Safety Research Center to study whether individuals 18 to 21 years of age should be required to successfully complete a motorcycle safety course prior to being issued a motorcycle learner's permit or motorcycle endorsement. Directs a report of the results of the study to the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee by March 1, 2010.

Changes the effective date for Sections 1 and 2 of the act to January 1, 2011 (was, July 1, 2010).

September 1, 2009

**SL 2009-492 (S 64). MOTORCYCLE LEARNER'S PERMIT. AN ACT TO SHORTEN THE DURATION AND AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A MOTORCYCLE LEARNER'S PERMIT, AND CLARIFY THE REQUIREMENTS FOR OBTAINING A MOTORCYCLE ENDORSEMENT.** Summarized in *Daily Bulletin* 2/4/09, 3/10/09, 3/11/09, 6/30/09, and 7/29/09. Enacted August 26, 2009. Sections 1 and 2 are effective January 1, 2011. The remainder is effective August 26, 2009.