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SENATE DRS75188-MH-84 (03/07)

Short Title: Motorcycle Safety Act.

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Sponsors: Senator Harrington (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO INCREASE PENALTIES FOR UNSAFE MOVEMENTS BY DRIVERS THAT
THREATEN THE PROPERTY AND SAFETY OF MOTORCYCLISTS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 20-154 reads as rewritten:
"§ 20-154. Signals on starting, stopping or turning.

...
(a1) A person who violates subsection (a) of this section and causes a motorcycle operator to change travel lanes or leave that portion of any public street or highway designated as travel lanes shall be responsible for an infraction and shall be assessed a fine of not less than two hundred dollars (\$200.00). A person who violates subsection (a) of this section that results in a crash causing property damage or personal injury to a motorcycle operator or passenger shall be responsible for an infraction and shall be assessed a fine of not less than five hundred dollars ~~(\$500.00)-(\$500.00)~~ unless subsection (a2) of this section applies.

(a2) A person who violates subsection (a) of this section and the violation results in a crash causing property damage in excess of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) or a serious bodily injury as defined in G.S. 20-160.1(b) to a motorcycle operator or passenger shall be responsible for an infraction and shall be assessed a fine of not less than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00). A violation of this subsection shall be treated as a failure to yield right-of-way to a motorcycle for purposes of assessment of points under G.S. 20-16(c). In addition, the trial judge shall have the authority to order the license of any driver violating this subsection suspended for a period not to exceed 30 days.

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SECTION 2. This act becomes effective October 1, 2013, and applies to violations committed on or after that date.



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