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Short Title: Insurance & Registration Required for Mopeds. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Shepard, R. Brown, and Millis (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE MOPEDS TO BE REGISTERED WITH THE DIVISION OF
3 MOTOR VEHICLES AND FOR OPERATORS OF MOPEDS TO HAVE IN FULL
4 FORCE AND EFFECT A POLICY OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 SECTION 1. G.S. 20-10.1 reads as rewritten:

7 "§ 20-10.1. Mopeds.

8 (a) General. – It shall be unlawful for any person who is under the age of 16 years to
9 operate a moped as defined in G.S. 105-164.3 upon any highway or public vehicular area of
10 this State.

11 (b) Registration. – Mopeds shall be registered with the Division. The owner of the
12 moped shall pay the same fees and be issued the same type of registration card and plate issued
13 for a motorcycle. In order to be registered with the Division and operated upon a highway or
14 public vehicular area, a moped must meet the following requirements:

15 (1) The moped has a manufacturer's certificate of origin.

16 (2) The moped was designed and manufactured for use on highways or public
17 vehicular areas.

18 (c) Financial Responsibility. – It shall be unlawful to operate a moped on a public
19 street, highway, or vehicular area without having in full force and effect financial responsibility
20 as required by the provisions of Article 9A and Article 13 of this Chapter. The Division shall
21 treat a moped the same as any other motor vehicle for the purposes of compliance with Article
22 9A and Article 13 of this Chapter."

23 SECTION 2. G.S. 20-51(9) is repealed.

24 SECTION 3. G.S. 20-76 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

25 "(c) Whenever an applicant for the registration of a moped is unable to present a
26 manufacturer's certificate of origin for the moped, the applicant must submit an affidavit stating
27 why the applicant does not have the manufacturer's certificate of origin and attesting that the
28 applicant is entitled to registration. Upon receipt of the application and accompanying affidavit,
29 the Division shall issue the applicant a registration card and plate. The Division may not require
30 the applicant to post a bond as required under subsection (b) of this section. A person damaged
31 by issuance of the registration card does not have a right of action against the Division."

32 SECTION 4. G.S. 58-36-3 reads as rewritten:

33 "§ 58-36-3. Limitation of scope; motorcycle and moped endorsements allowed;
34 Department of Insurance report.

35 (a) The Bureau has no jurisdiction over:
36 ...



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1 (7) Personal excess liability or personal "umbrella" insurance.

2 (8) Liability insurance and theft or physical damage insurance on mopeds, as
3 defined in G.S. 105-164.3.

4 (b) Member companies writing motorcycle liability insurance under this Article and
5 writing insurance against theft of or physical damage to motorcycles under Article 40 of this
6 Chapter may incorporate motorcycle theft and physical damage coverage as an endorsement to
7 the liability policy issued under this Article. Member companies writing moped liability
8 insurance or theft and physical damage insurance under Article 40 of this Chapter may
9 incorporate either or both types of insurance as an endorsement to liability and physical damage
10 policies issued under this Article.

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12 **SECTION 5.** G.S. 58-37-1(6) reads as rewritten:

13 "(6) "Motor vehicle" means every self-propelled vehicle that is designed for use
14 upon a highway, including trailers and semitrailers designed for use with
15 such vehicles (except traction engines, road rollers, farm tractors, tractor
16 cranes, power shovels, and well drillers). "Motor vehicle" also means a
17 motorcycle, as defined in G.S. 20-4.01(27)d. "Motor vehicle" does not mean
18 a moped, as defined in G.S. 105-164.3. Notwithstanding any other
19 provisions of this Article, liability insurance on a moped is not eligible for
20 cession to the Facility."

21 **SECTION 6.** G.S. 58-40-10(1) reads as rewritten:

22 "(1) "Private passenger motor vehicle" means:

- 23 a. A motor vehicle of the private passenger or station wagon type that is
24 owned or hired under a long-term contract by the policy named
25 insured and that is neither used as a public or livery conveyance for
26 passengers nor rented to others without a driver; or
27 b. A motor vehicle that is a pickup truck or van that is owned by an
28 individual or by husband and wife or individuals who are residents of
29 the same household if it:
30 1. Has a gross vehicle weight as specified by the manufacturer
31 of less than 14,000 pounds; and
32 2. Is not used for the delivery or transportation of goods or
33 materials unless such use is (i) incidental to the insured's
34 business of installing, maintaining, or repairing furnishings or
35 equipment, or (ii) for farming or ranching. Such vehicles
36 owned by a family farm copartnership or a family farm
37 corporation shall be considered owned by an individual for
38 the purposes of this section; or
39 c. A motorcycle, motorized scooter or other similar motorized vehicle
40 not used for commercial purposes. A moped, as defined in
41 G.S. 105-164.3, is not considered a motorcycle, motorized scooter, or
42 other similar motorized vehicle."

43 **SECTION 7.** G.S. 58-40-15 reads as rewritten:

44 "§ 58-40-15. Scope of application.

45 The provisions of this Article shall apply to all insurance on risks or on operations in this
46 State, ~~except~~except for all of the following:

- 47 (1) Reinsurance, other than joint reinsurance to the extent stated in
48 ~~G.S. 58-40-60~~G.S. 58-40-60.
49 (2) Any policy of insurance against loss or damage to or legal liability in
50 connection with property located outside this State, or any motor vehicle or

- 1 aircraft principally garaged and used outside of this State, or any activity
2 wholly carried on outside this ~~State;~~State.
- 3 (3) Insurance of vessels or craft, their cargoes, marine builders' risks, marine
4 protection and indemnity, or other risks commonly insured under marine, as
5 distinguished from inland marine, insurance ~~policies;~~policies.
- 6 (4) Accident, health, or life ~~insurance;~~insurance.
- 7 (5) ~~Annuities;~~Annuities.
- 8 (6) Repealed by Session Laws 1985, c. 666, s. 43.
- 9 (7) Mortgage guaranty ~~insurance;~~insurance.
- 10 (8) Workers' compensation and employers' liability insurance written in
11 connection ~~therewith;~~therewith.
- 12 (9) For private passenger (nonfleet) motor vehicle liability insurance,
13 automobile medical payments insurance, uninsured motorists' coverage and
14 other insurance coverages written in connection with the sale of such
15 liability insurance; except this Article applies to motor vehicle liability
16 insurance, automobile medical payments insurance, uninsured motorists'
17 coverage, and theft or physical damage insurance on mopeds, as defined in
18 G.S. 105-164.3.
- 19 (10) Theft of or physical damage to nonfleet private passenger motor vehicles;
20 except this Article applies to insurance against theft of or physical damage to
21 motorcycles, as defined in ~~G.S. 20-4.01(27)d.;~~ and G.S. 20-4.01(27)d.
- 22 (11) Insurance against loss to residential real property with not more than four
23 housing units located in this State or any contents thereof or valuable interest
24 therein and other insurance coverages written in connection with the sale of
25 such property insurance. Provided, however, that this Article shall apply to
26 insurance against loss to farm dwellings, farm buildings and their
27 appurtenant structures, farm personal property and other coverages written in
28 connection with farm real or personal property; travel or camper trailers
29 designed to be pulled by private passenger motor vehicles unless insured
30 under policies covering nonfleet private passenger motor vehicles;
31 residential real and personal property insured in multiple line insurance
32 policies covering business activities as the primary insurable interest; and
33 marine, general liability, burglary and theft, glass, and animal collision
34 insurance except when such coverages are written as an integral part of a
35 multiple line insurance policy for which there is an indivisible premium.

36 The provisions of this Article shall not apply to hospital service or medical service
37 corporations, investment companies, mutual benefit associations, or fraternal beneficiary
38 associations."

39 **SECTION 8.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2014, and applies to
40 offenses committed on or after that date.