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Short Title: Study/Update Bicycle Safety Laws. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Whitmire, Shepard, and Jeter (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO STUDY THE  
3 BICYCLE SAFETY LAWS IN THIS STATE AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS AS  
4 TO HOW THE LAWS MAY BE REVISED TO BETTER ENSURE THE SAFETY OF  
5 BICYCLISTS AND MOTORISTS ON THE ROADWAYS.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** Study. – The Department of Transportation shall study the bicycle  
8 safety laws in this State. The study shall focus on what statutory revisions, if any, are needed to  
9 better ensure the safety of bicyclists and motorists. In doing so, the Department shall consider  
10 at least all of the following:

- 11 (1) How faster moving vehicles may safely overtake bicycles on roadways  
12 where sight distance may be inhibited.
- 13 (2) Whether bicyclists on a roadway should be required to ride single file or  
14 allowed to ride two or more abreast.
- 15 (3) Whether bicyclists should be required to carry a form of identification.
- 16 (4) Any other issues determined relevant by the Department.

17 **SECTION 2.** Working Group. – In conducting the study required by this act, the  
18 Department shall convene a working group of interested parties knowledgeable and interested  
19 in the bicycle safety laws of this State. The working group shall include all of the following:

- 20 (1) A law enforcement officer.
- 21 (2) A representative from the bicycling industry.
- 22 (3) A representative from the agricultural industry.
- 23 (4) A representative from the trucking industry.
- 24 (5) A representative from county government, who may be a county law  
25 enforcement officer.
- 26 (6) A representative from municipal government, who may be a municipal law  
27 enforcement officer.
- 28 (7) A representative from the University of North Carolina Highway Safety  
29 Research Center.
- 30 (8) A minimum of two staff representatives from the Department.
- 31 (9) Any other expert or stakeholder the Department or working group  
32 determines may assist the Department in completing the study required by  
33 this act.

34 **SECTION 3.** Maximum Number of Working Group Members. – The total number  
35 of members of the working group convened under Section 2 of this act shall not exceed 12  
36 members.



1           **SECTION 4.** Report and Recommendations. – The Department shall report its  
2 findings and recommendations, including any legislative proposals, to the Joint Legislative  
3 Transportation Oversight Committee on or before December 31, 2015.

4           **SECTION 5.** Effective Date. – This act is effective when it becomes law.