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HOUSE BILL 207
PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE H207-PCS40203-BG-3

Short Title: Motorcycle License/Exempt Antique Scooters.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 1, 2017

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT A MOTORCYCLE LEARNER'S PERMIT OR
3 MOTORCYCLE ENDORSEMENT ARE NOT REQUIRED TO OPERATE CERTAIN
4 ANTIQUE MOTOR SCOOTERS.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-7(a1) reads as rewritten:

7 "(a1) Motorcycles and Mopeds. – ~~To~~Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, to
8 drive a motorcycle, a person shall have one of the following:

- 9 (1) A full provisional license with a motorcycle learner's permit.
- 10 (2) A regular drivers license with a motorcycle learner's permit.
- 11 (3) A full provisional license with a motorcycle endorsement.
- 12 (4) A regular drivers license with a motorcycle endorsement.

13 Subsection (a2) of this section sets forth the requirements for a motorcycle learner's permit.
14 To obtain a motorcycle endorsement, a person shall pay the fee set in subsection (i) of this
15 section. In addition, to obtain an endorsement, a person age 18 or older shall demonstrate
16 competence to drive a motorcycle by passing a knowledge test concerning motorcycles, and by
17 passing a road test or providing proof of successful completion of one of the following:

- 18 (1) The North Carolina Motorcycle Safety Education Program Basic Rider
19 Course or Experienced Rider Course.
- 20 (2) Any course approved by the Commissioner consistent with the instruction
21 provided through the Motorcycle Safety Instruction Program established
22 under G.S. 115D-72.

23 A person less than 18 years of age shall demonstrate competence to drive a motorcycle by
24 passing a knowledge test concerning motorcycles and providing proof of successful completion
25 of one of the following:

- 26 (1) Repealed by Session Laws 2012-85, s. 1, effective July 1, 2012.
- 27 (2) The North Carolina Motorcycle Safety Education Program Basic Rider
28 Course or Experienced Rider Course.
- 29 (3) Any course approved by the Commissioner consistent with the instruction
30 provided through the Motorcycle Safety Instruction Program established
31 under G.S. 115D-72.

32 A person less than 18 years of age with a motorcycle endorsement may not drive a
33 motorcycle with a passenger.

34 Neither a drivers license nor a motorcycle endorsement is required to drive a moped.
35 Neither a motorcycle learner's permit nor a motorcycle endorsement is required to drive a
36 motor scooter that (i) was manufactured prior to January 1, 1960, and (ii) has a motor that does



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1 not exceed 150 cubic centimeters piston displacement and produces less than eight
2 horsepower."

3 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.