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HOUSE BILL 207
Committee Substitute Favorable 3/14/17

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- 26 (1) Repealed by Session Laws 2012-85, s. 1, effective July 1, 2012.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



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.