

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 696

Short Title: Motorcycle Awareness Month. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Burris-Floyd, Folwell, Allred, Stevens (Primary Sponsors);
Avila, Barnhart, Blackwell, Blackwood, Blue, Blust, Boles, Brubaker, Burr,
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E. Warren, Weiss, Whilden, Wilkins, Williams, and Womble.

Referred to: State Government/State Personnel.

March 23, 2009

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT ESTABLISHING MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH.

3 Whereas, motorcycle riding is a popular form of recreation and transportation for
4 thousands of citizens across North Carolina and the United States; and

5 Whereas, North Carolina has over 132,000 registered motorcycles and over 260,000
6 licensed drivers who have either a motorcycle endorsement or a motorcycle learners permit;
7 and

8 Whereas, it is important that the citizens of North Carolina be aware of motorcycles
9 on the roadways and recognize the importance of motorcycle safety and of sharing the
10 roadways; and

11 Whereas, the safe operation of a motorcycle is enhanced through a combination of
12 rider training and experience, good judgment, and a knowledge of traffic laws and licensing
13 requirements; and

14 Whereas, several organizations, such as the Concerned Bikers Association/ABATE
15 of North Carolina, along with the North Carolina Motorcycle Safety Education Program, and
16 other State and local motorcycle clubs and riding or social clubs, are committed to increasing
17 the safe operation of motorcycles by promoting rider safety education programs; their goal is to
18 alert the motorists of the Great State of North Carolina to a Safety Promotion known as "Look
19 Twice, Save a Life, Motorcycles are Everywhere"; and

20 Whereas, Motorcycle Awareness Month is designed to increase public awareness
21 about motorcycles and to encourage their safe and proper use among motorcycle riders; Now,
22 therefore,

23 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

24 **SECTION 1.** Chapter 103 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new
25 section to read:

26 **"§ 103-12. Motorcycle Awareness Month.**

27 The month of May of each year is designated as Motorcycle Awareness Month in the State
28 of North Carolina."

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

