

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2007**

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**HOUSE BILL 565**

Short Title: Exempt Property Owners From ATV Helmet Req. (Public)

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Sponsors: Representatives Spear, Ray (Primary Sponsors); Barnhart, Brubaker, Clary, Cleveland, Crawford, Faison, Frye, J. Harrell, Harrison, Hilton, Johnson, Kiser, Love, McComas, Moore, Stiller, Sutton, West, Wilkins, Williams, and Wray.

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Referred to: Judiciary II.

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March 12, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO EXEMPT PROPERTY OWNERS, PROPERTY LESSEES, AND  
2 MEMBERS OF THE PROPERTY OWNER'S AND PROPERTY LESSEE'S  
3 FAMILY WHO ARE SIXTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER FROM THE  
4 REQUIREMENT OF WEARING A SAFETY HELMET AND EYE PROTECTION  
5 WHILE OPERATING AN ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE ON PROPERTY OWNED  
6 OR LEASED BY THE RIDER.

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-171.19(a) reads as rewritten:

9 **"§ 20-171.19. Prohibited acts by owners and operators.**

10 (a) No person shall operate an all-terrain vehicle unless the person wears eye  
11 protection and a safety helmet meeting United States Department of Transportation  
12 standards for motorcycle helmets. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to a  
13 person that is the owner or lessee of the real property upon which the all-terrain vehicle  
14 is being operated, or to any member of the owner's or lessee's family that is 16 years of  
15 age or older if the all-terrain vehicle is being operated on the real property owned or  
16 leased by their family member."

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