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SENATE BILL 64  
Judiciary I Committee Substitute Adopted 3/10/09

Short Title: Motorcycle Learner's Permit.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

February 5, 2009

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO SHORTEN THE DURATION AND AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A  
3 MOTORCYCLE LEARNER'S PERMIT, AND CLARIFY THE REQUIREMENTS FOR  
4 OBTAINING A MOTORCYCLE ENDORSEMENT.

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 drive a motorcycle, a person shall ~~have~~have one of  
8 the following:

- 9 (1) A full provisional license with a motorcycle learner's ~~permit~~permit.  
10 (2) A regular drivers license with a motorcycle learner's ~~permit~~or permit.  
11 (3) ~~Either~~:  
12 a. ~~A full provisional license~~or license with a motorcycle endorsement.  
13 b.  
14 (4) A regular drivers license, with a motorcycle endorsement.

15 To obtain a motorcycle endorsement, a person shall demonstrate competence to drive a  
16 motorcycle by passing a written or oral test concerning motorcycles and providing proof of  
17 successful completion of one of the following:

- 18 (1) The Motorcycle Safety Foundation Basic Rider Course or Experienced Rider  
19 Course.  
20 (2) The North Carolina Motorcycle Safety Education Program Basic Rider  
21 Course or Experienced Rider Course.  
22 (3) Any course approved by the Commissioner.

23 The person shall pay the fee set in subsection (i) of this section for a motorcycle  
24 endorsement. A person less than 18 years of age with a motorcycle endorsement may not drive  
25 a motorcycle with a passenger. Subsection (a2) of this section sets forth the requirements for a  
26 motorcycle learner's permit.

27 ~~To obtain a motorcycle endorsement, a person shall demonstrate competence to drive a~~  
28 ~~motorcycle by~~:

- 29 (1) ~~Passing a road test~~;  
30 (2) ~~Passing a written or oral test concerning motorcycles; and~~  
31 (3) ~~Paying the fee for a motorcycle endorsement~~.

32 Neither a drivers license nor a motorcycle endorsement is required to drive a moped."

33 SECTION 2. G.S. 20-7(a2) reads as rewritten:

34 "(a2) Motorcycle Learner's Permit. – The following persons are eligible for a motorcycle  
35 learner's permit:

- 36 (1) A person who is at least 16 years old but less than 18 years old and has a full  
37 provisional license issued by the Division.



1           (2)    A person who is at least 18 years old and has a license issued by the  
2                    Division.

3            To obtain a motorcycle learner's permit, an applicant shall pass a vision test, a road sign  
4 test, and a written test specified by the Division. An applicant who is less than 18 years old, or  
5 any applicant who has held a valid drivers license for less than two years, shall successfully  
6 complete the Motorcycle Safety Foundation Basic Rider Course or the North Carolina  
7 Motorcycle Safety Education Program Basic Rider Course. A motorcycle learner's permit  
8 expires ~~18 months~~ six months after it is ~~issued.~~ issued and may be renewed for one additional  
9 six-month period. The holder of a motorcycle learner's permit may not drive a motorcycle with  
10 a passenger. The fee for a motorcycle learner's permit is the amount set in G.S. 20-7(1) for a  
11 learner's permit."

12            **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective January 1, 2010.