

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 480

Short Title: Let Those Who Ride Decide. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Harrington; Davis, Newton, and Rabon.

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE ONLY THOSE WHO ARE LESS THAN EIGHTEEN YEARS OLD
3 TO WEAR A HELMET WHILE OPERATING A MOTORCYCLE.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-140.4 reads as rewritten:

6 "**§ 20-140.4. Special provisions for motorcycles and mopeds.**

7 (a) No person shall operate a motorcycle or moped upon a highway or public vehicular
8 area:

9 (1) When the number of persons upon such motorcycle or moped, including the
10 operator, shall exceed the number of persons which it was designed to carry.

11 (2) Unless ~~the~~an operator and all passengers who are under 18 years of age
12 thereon wear on their heads, with a retention strap properly secured, safety
13 helmets of a type that complies with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard
14 (FMVSS) 218.

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

