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SENATE BILL 746
Transportation Committee Substitute Adopted 5/14/91

Short Title: Motorized Wheelchairs.

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Sponsors:

Referred to:

April 23, 1991

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE USE OF MOTORIZED WHEELCHAIRS OR
3 SIMILAR VEHICLES NOT EXCEEDING 1000 POUNDS GROSS WEIGHT FOR
4 PEDESTRIAN PURPOSES BY PERSONS WITH MOBILITY IMPAIRMENTS.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 Section 1. Article 3 of Chapter 20 of the General Statutes is amended by
7 adding a new Part to read:

8 **"PART 11B. PEDESTRIAN RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF PERSONS**
9 **WITH A MOBILITY IMPAIRMENT.**

10 **"§ 20-175.5. Use of motorized wheelchairs or similar vehicles not exceeding 1000**
11 **pounds gross weight.**

12 While a person with a mobility impairment as defined in G.S. 20-37.5 operates a
13 motorized wheelchair or similar vehicle not exceeding 1000 pounds gross weight in
14 order to provide that person with the mobility of a pedestrian, that person is subject to
15 all the laws, ordinances, regulations, rights and responsibilities which would otherwise
16 apply to a pedestrian, but is not subject to Part 10 of this Article or any other law,
17 ordinance or regulation otherwise applicable to motor vehicles."

18 Sec. 2. This act becomes effective October 1, 1991.