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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO STUDY THE ISSUES OF MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY INSPECTION, MOTORCYCLE HELMET LAWS, SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES, AND PUBLIC VERSUS PRIVATE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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17 18 Section 1. The Legislative Research Commission may:

- (1) Study the effectiveness of the motor vehicle safety inspection program required by Article 3A of Chapter 20 of the General Statutes. The study may include, among other issues, the impact of the motor vehicle safety inspection program on highway safety, the cost effectiveness of the program, and the probable impact of eliminating part or all of the program.
- (2) Study the effectiveness of motorcycle helmet laws. The study may include, among other issues, the impact of North Carolina's statutory requirement of safety helmets for motorcyclists. The study may also include a survey of relevant laws in other states and a comparison of those laws with the current North Carolina statute.

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- (3) Study the number and types of special registration plates issued by the Division of Motor Vehicles and the amount and distribution of funds derived from the issuance of those plates.
- (4) Make a comparative study of public-supported versus private transportation systems. The study may include a survey of applicable state and federal laws and a review of current practices that impact the relationship between the public and private sectors.

Section 2. The Legislative Research Commission shall report the results of these studies, including any legislative recommendations, to the 1998 Regular Session of the 1997 General Assembly.

Section 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.