

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
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**SENATE BILL 1121**

Short Title: Center for Motorcycle Safety and Crash Prev. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Brunstetter.

Referred to: Finance.

March 22, 2007

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO CREATE THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA CENTER FOR  
3 THE STUDY OF MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AND CRASH PREVENTION AND  
4 TO ADJUST MOTORCYCLE REGISTRATION FEES TO PROVIDE FUNDING  
5 FOR THIS ACT.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** Chapter 116 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a  
8 new section to read:

9 "**§ 116-43.2. Center for the Study of Motorcycle Safety.**

10 (a) The Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina is hereby  
11 authorized and directed to establish "The University of North Carolina Center for the  
12 Study of Motorcycle Safety and Crash Prevention" (hereinafter called "the Center"). It  
13 shall be the function of the Center, through itself or agencies with which it may  
14 contract, to establish a research agenda, conduct research studies, and disseminate the  
15 results of studies related to the prevention of motorcycle crashes and to develop and  
16 disseminate awareness and education programs directed toward reducing motorcyclist  
17 fatalities on North Carolina's highways.

18 (b) The chief administrative officer of the Center shall be a director, who shall be  
19 elected by the Board of Governors upon recommendation of the President and who shall  
20 be responsible to the President. The Center shall have such other staff as the Board of  
21 Governors may authorize."

22 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 20-87(6) reads as rewritten:

23 "(6) Private Motorcycles. – The base fee on private passenger motorcycles  
24 shall be fifteen dollars (\$15.00); except that when a motorcycle is  
25 equipped with an additional form of device designed to transport  
26 persons or property, the base fee shall be twenty-two dollars (\$22.00).  
27 An additional fee of ~~three dollars (\$3.00)~~ five dollars (\$5.00) is  
28 imposed on each private motorcycle registered under this subdivision  
29 in addition to the base fee. The revenue from the additional fee, in

1                   ~~addition to any other funds appropriated for this purpose, fee shall be~~  
2                   ~~used to fund the Motorcycle Safety Instruction Program created in~~  
3                   ~~G.S. 115D-72.~~in the following manner:

4                   a.     Three dollars (\$3.00) from each motorcycle registration  
5                   additional fee shall be used to fund the Motorcycle Safety  
6                   Instruction Program created in G.S. 115D-72.

7                   b.     Two dollars (\$2.00) from each motorcycle registration  
8                   additional fee shall be used to fund the North Carolina Center  
9                   for Motorcycle Safety established pursuant to G.S. 116-43.2.

10                   **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.