

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE DRH40031-MAF-66 (12/2)

Short Title: Moped Registration/Licensing.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Cole and R. Warren (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REQUIRE MOPEDS TO BE REGISTERED WITH THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES, TO REQUIRE MOPEDS TO HAVE A POLICY OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY BEFORE THEY CAN BE REGISTERED, AND TO LIMIT THE OPERATION OF A MOPED ON A PUBLIC STREET OR HIGHWAY TO THOSE PUBLIC STREETS OR HIGHWAYS WITH A POSTED SPEED LIMIT LESS THAN THE MAXIMUM SPEED RECOMMENDED BY THE MANUFACTURER FOR THE ENGINE DISPLACEMENT OF THE MOPED BEING OPERATED.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 20-10.1 reads as rewritten:

"§ 20-10.1. **Mopeds.**

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person who is under the age of 16 years to operate a moped as defined in G.S. 105-164.3 upon any highway or public vehicular area of this State.

(b) Highway Access. – It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a moped on a public street or highway that has a posted speed limit greater than the manufacturer's recommended maximum speed for the engine displacement of the moped being operated.

(c) Registration. – Mopeds shall be registered with the Division in the same manner as any other motor vehicle. The owner shall pay the same fees and be issued the same type of registration card and plate issued for a motorcycle.

(d) Financial Responsibility. – It shall be unlawful to operate a moped on a public street or highway or public vehicular area without having in full force and effect financial responsibility as required by the provisions of Articles 9 and 13 of this Chapter. The Division shall treat a moped the same as any other motor vehicle for the purposes of compliance with Articles 9 and 13 of this Chapter."

SECTION 2. G.S. 20-51(9) is repealed.

SECTION 3. This act becomes effective December 1, 2009, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

