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HOUSE BILL DRH40471-NE-21B

Short Title: Clarify Motorcycle Registration Eligibility. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Scott.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO CLARIFY MOTORCYCLE REGISTRATION ELIGIBILITY.

3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

4 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-4.01 reads as rewritten:

5 "**§ 20-4.01. Definitions.**

6 Unless the context requires otherwise, the following definitions apply throughout this
7 Chapter to the defined words and phrases and their cognates:

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9 (27) Passenger Vehicles. –

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11 h. Motorcycles. – Vehicles having a saddle for the use of the rider and
12 designed to travel on not more than three wheels in contact with the
13 ground, including any such vehicle that (i) is upfitted by a licensed
14 manufacturer, dealer, or person or business otherwise engaged in
15 vehicle manufacturing or modification for off-road use and highway
16 use with equipment required by this Chapter for the highway use of
17 motorcycles and (ii) has an engine displacement of 124cc or more and
18 a maximum speed capability of 40 miles per hour or greater. This
19 definition also includes autocycles, motor scooters, and motor-driven
20 bicycles, but ~~excluding~~ excludes tractors and utility vehicles equipped
21 with an additional form of device designed to transport property,
22 three-wheeled vehicles while being used by law-enforcement
23 agencies, electric assisted bicycles, and mopeds as defined in
24 sub-subdivision d1. of this subdivision.

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26 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 20-54 reads as rewritten:

27 "**§ 20-54. Authority for refusing registration or certificate of title.**

28 The Division shall refuse registration or issuance of a certificate of title or any transfer of
29 registration upon any of the following grounds:

30 ...

31 (8) The vehicle is a golf cart or utility vehicle. For purposes of this subdivision,
32 the term "utility vehicle" shall not include a motorcycle designed for both
33 off-road and highway operation, provided that the motorcycle meets all of the
34 requirements for highway operation imposed by this Chapter.

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36 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2025.

