



HOUSE BILL 232: Study/Update Bicycle Safety Laws

2015-2016 General Assembly

Committee:

Introduced by:

Analysis of: S.L. 2015-45

Date:

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SUMMARY: *S.L. 2015-45 directs the Department of Transportation to convene a working group to study bicycle safety laws and recommend changes to better ensure the safety of cyclists and motorists. The Department must report its findings to the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee by December 31, 2015.*

This act became effective June 2, 2015.

CURRENT LAW: The Department of Transportation's Division of Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation is a comprehensive State program that seeks to integrate bicycle and pedestrian safety, mobility, and accessibility into the overall transportation program.

Under current law, a bicycle has the legal status of a vehicle and may be operated on State highways. Bicycles have the same rights and responsibilities as motor vehicles and must comply with the rules of the road.

BILL ANALYSIS: The act directs the Department of Transportation to study issues related to bicycle safety laws in North Carolina. The Department must convene a working group of parties who have knowledge and interest in bicycle safety and who represent different operator and geographical perspectives to conduct the study. The Department is required to report its findings and recommendations, including any legislative proposals, to the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee on or before December 31, 2015.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The act became effective June 2, 2015.

