

Legislative Update for Chatham County CBA – Apr 2011

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NC State Issues:

H 105 MAY AS MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH – Designates the month of May as Motorcycle Awareness Month. This bill was introduced at the request of and is actively supported by CBA/ABATE of NC. Introduced by Keever, Fisher. Filed: 2/15/11' 4-7-11: Passed 1st reading, referred to Rules

H 113 MOTORCYCLE SAFETY ACT – Provides that a failure to provide right of way that causes a motorcyclist to change travel lanes or leave its travel lane is a Class 2 misdemeanor resulting in a fine of not less than \$200.00 and a Class 1 misdemeanor and a fine of not less than \$500.00 if the violation results in property damage or personal injury to the motorcycle operator or passenger. This bill was introduced at the request of and is actively supported by CBA/ABATE of NC. Introduced by Killian (R –Charlotte). Filed: 2/16/11 4-7-11: Passed the House floor votes – Now in the Senate Finance commit.

H 166 PURPLE HEART MOTORCYCLE SPECIAL PLATES – Authorizes DMV to develop a special motorcycle license plate for Purple Heart recipients. Introduced by McGee, Folwell, Killian, Spear. Filed: 2/22/11. 4-7-11: Passed 1st reading, passed Transportation, now in Finance committee

H 187 REQUIRE LABELS FOR ETHANOL-BLENDED GASOLINE - Directs the Gasoline and Oil Inspection Board to adopt rules requiring labels for all dispensing pumps and other dispensing devices that offer ethanol-blended gasoline for retail sale in North Carolina and to require such labels to specify whether the gasoline contains ten percent or less of ethanol by volume or greater than ten percent ethanol by volume. Introduced by Hurley, Faircloth, Randleman. Filed: 2/24/11 4-7-11: Passed House and Senate and awaiting Gov. Perdue's signature.

H 381 Eliminate Motorcycle-only checkpoints - Charlie Boone (VP CBA/ABATE of NC) went to the House Judiciary Subcommittee B for discussion on H381, which deals with the m/c only checkpoints. The bill has been modified a little to deal with language that law enforcement feared would prohibit them from doing their jobs, but the current language is still what we want. Also, the effective date of enforcement was changed to 12/1/11. After about a 20 minute discussion of that issue, I believe that the committee members were satisfied with the answers they got. The last speaker represented the NC Sheriff's Assoc. He stated that the bill as written would not stop law enforcement from doing what they needed to do, it would only put an end to specific vehicle type roadblocks. There seems to currently be no opposition to the bill. The next step would be to see if this is sent to the House Trans. Comm. or if it goes directly to the floor. At that time we will need to either contact the comm. members or have the membership contact their reps. and ask them to vote in favor of the measure. We will keep you posted as the bill progresses.

S 123 ELIMINATE MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY INSPECTIONS – Repeals the requirement that motor vehicles registered in North Carolina have an annual safety inspection. Eliminates the requirement that window tinting be inspected at an inspection station by a licensed safety inspector. Eliminates the affirmative defense to an unsafe tires charge. Eliminates the requirement that a vehicle be subject to a safety inspection before a charge for tinted windows may be made. Requires DMV to develop and implement a management improvement program for the motor vehicle emissions inspection program. Requires the Fiscal Research Division of the General Assembly to conduct a fiscal review of the DMV motor vehicle emissions inspection program. Introduced by Bingham (R – Gillford/Davidson). Filed: 2/24/11 4-7-11: In commerce committee.

S 187 Outlaw Red Light Camera Systems - Sponsor East (R - Stokes/Surry/Yadkin) 4-7-11: Passed second Senate floor reading on 4-7-11.

S 195 Operation of Mopeds - Sponsor Apodaca (R – Buncombe) - Requires vehicle registration and proof of financial responsibility. 4-7-11: In insurance committee.

S 339: Modify Driver Education Program to add one (1) hour of motorcycle awareness training to the existing drivers' education program. 4-7-11: Passed House, in Senate Elections committee.

S 480 – Bill title: "Let Those Who Ride Decide" Provides helmet choice for people 18 and over. Sent to the Senate Rules commit. (Not a great sign)

Federal and International issues:

Washington D.C.: 50 lawmakers now support H.R. 412, [The Kids Just Want to Ride Act](#). This important legislation is gaining momentum on Capitol Hill, and would exempt kids' dirtbikes and all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) from the "lead law" that effectively bans their sale at the end of the year. Introduced by [Rep. Denny Rehberg \(R-Mont.\)](#), the bill seeks to exempt kids' off-highway vehicles (OHVs) from the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act (CPSIA) of 2008, which is also known as the lead law. The CPSIA bans the making, importing, distributing or selling of any product intended for children 12 and under that contains more than a specified amount of lead in any accessible part. It also requires all children's products undergo periodic testing by independent laboratories approved by the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), which is responsible for implementing the law. The CPSC has delayed enforcing key portions of the law until after the end of the year. However, unless the CPSIA is changed by then, the sale of child-sized dirtbikes and ATVs will effectively be banned.

Awareness is our best defense. Please stay involved legislatively.

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