

# Legislative Update for Chatham County CBA – April 2012

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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' 5-4-11: Passed 1st reading, referred to Rules **No change this month – no action possible until the 2012 session.**

**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. 5-4-11: Passed 1<sup>st</sup> reading, passed Transportation, now in House Finance committee **No change this month – no action possible until the 2012 session.**

**H 392 MODIFY MOTORCYCLE HELMET REQUIREMENTS** – Repeals the requirement that a person who is eighteen years old or older wear a helmet while operating a motorcycle on a public street or highway or public vehicular area. Introduced by Hastings, T. Moore, McCormick. Filed: 3/16/11 Passed 1<sup>st</sup> reading, 5-4-11: referred to House Transportation **No change this month – no action possible until the 2012 session.**

**S 187 - Outlaw Red Light Camera Systems** - Sponsor East (R - Stokes/Surry/Yadkin) 5-4-11: Passed Senate, in House Rules committee. **No change this month – no action possible until the 2012 session.**

**S 355 - MASONIC SPECIAL PLATE/MOTORCYCLES** – Authorizes DMV to produce a motorcycle plate for civic clubs such as the Jaycees, Masons, Kiwanis, Optimist, Rotary, Ruritan, and Shrine. Introduced by East. Filed: 3/16/11 Passed 1<sup>st</sup> reading, referred to Finance: 3/17/11 **No change this month – no action possible until the 2012 session.**

**S 480 – Bill title: “Let Those Who Ride Decide”** Provides helmet choice for people 18 and over. 5-4-11: Sent to the Senate Rules commit. **No change this month – no action possible until the 2012 session.**

### **IMPORTANT NC DATES:**

2012 Primary Election: 8 May 2012  
General Election: 6 November 2012

Second Primary Election (if necessary): 26 June 2012  
**Short session starts: May 16, 2012**

**1-28-12 - Lobby Day for CBA/ABATE of NC will be held on 23 May 2012 beginning at 9:00 AM.** The meeting place will be the Huddle Room of the Clarion Hotel Downtown. The Clarion is located at 320 Hillsborough St, Raleigh, NC 27603. The number for room reservations is 919-832-0501. We will convene the meeting at 09:00 hours for a brief discussion of the CBA Goals for 2012 and some tips for talking to your elected officials. If you are scheduling meeting times with your legislators please do not schedule anything before 10:00. The meeting should be over in plenty of time for you to make a 10:00 appointment. Please advise your chapter early so that members may make plans to miss work on that day. Looking forward to seeing all of you there. Doc Ski Legislative Director, CBA/ABATE of NC

**Chatham CBA ride will leave the Citgo gas station on the corner of Hwy 64 and Jenks Rd in Apex at 8:00 AM.**

## Federal and international issues:

**ACTION ALERT: ABATE of Michigan would like the help of all motorcyclists in their fight for freedom.** Senate Bill 291 passed the Michigan Senate with a 24 YES vote to 14 NO vote in late June. We want to thank all those activists who sent a post card to Governor Snyder over the summer. SB 291 passed the Michigan House of Representatives with a 69 YES to 39 NO on November 2nd. SB 291 passed a concurrence vote on 3-28-2012 and has been sent to Governor Snyder. Governor Snyder prides himself on being all about business and helping business. Please urge Governor Snyder to sign SB 291. He has 14 days to sign or veto. If no action is taken after 14 days it becomes law.

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3-20-12 - **MINNESOTA ROAD GUARDING BILLS ADVANCE** - Two companion bills to allow trained and certified motorcyclists to road guard during motorcycle runs (SF1719 and HF2008) were approved by the Minnesota Senate and House Transportation Committees, respectively. Mack Backlund, State Coordinator for ABATE of Minnesota, testified in favor before both committees and answered questions from the committee members. While there were questions and concerns brought up during discussion, in the end both bills passed by unanimous voice vote with no amendments. The legislation creates a motorcycle road guard certificate under which a person can stop and hold traffic during a motorcycle group ride: Permits holders of a motorcycle road guard certificate who are acting as a flagger for a motorcycle ride to stop and hold traffic, and override traffic control devices to direct motorcycle operators or other vehicles. Requires drivers to remain stopped until directed to proceed. This language has a long way to go in the process before becoming law, but passage in the Senate and House Transportation Committees is a great start, said Backlund.

**Awareness is our best defense. Please stay involved legislatively.**  
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