

Legislative Update for Chatham County CBA – February 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 1st 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 1st 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 1st 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:

Candidate Filing Period: 13-29 February,
Second Primary Election (if necessary): 26 June 2012
Short session starts: May 16, 2012

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

1-20-12 - SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE FOLWELL TO RUN FOR LT. GOVERNOR: Republican Representative and Speaker Pro Tempore Dale Folwell (R-Forsyth), an avid motorcyclist and champion of motorcyclist rights, announced this week that he will run for lieutenant governor. Folwell will compete with two other Republicans - Wake County Commissioner Tony Gurley and Raleigh architect Dan Forest - for the nomination and the right to oppose the incumbent Lieutenant Governor, Walter Dalton, a Democrat, in the general election.

1-26-12 – Governor Purdue will not seek re-election.

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:

1-11-12: Colombia, S.C.: Senate Bill 1046, sponsored by [Sen. Ralph Anderson](#) (D-Greenville), would require all two-wheeled motorized vehicle operators and passengers to wear protective helmets of a type approved by the Department of Public Safety. Currently, motorcycle operators and passengers 21 and older are permitted to make their own decision regarding helmet use.

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