

Legislative Update for Chatham County CBA – June 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**

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**

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**

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**

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**

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**

H 1006 – Bill title: “Special Motorcycle Plate for Vietnam Veterans - Authorized the DMV to produce a special motorcycle license plate for Vietnam Vets. **Introduced by House Rules committee.** Filed 5-17-12 NEW BILL In Transportation committee

H 985 – Bill title: “Driver Education Fee Paid When getting Permit: Eliminates the \$45 fee now assessed against drivers education students at the time such instruction s taken and instead provides that a fee of \$45 shall be accesses an applicant for a limited learners permit who did not participate in the drivers’ education program. Introduced by Gillespie filed on 5-16-12 NEW BILL in Finance committee

H 1079 and S 895. - DOT DIVISION OF MOTORVEHICLES LEG. REQUESTS (S 895) - Amends the statutes related to motorcycle licenses to remove the Motorcycle Safety Foundation Basic Rider Course or Experienced Rider Course as an accepted course of instruction regarding fulfillment of the requirements for a motorcycle endorsement and provides that persons under the age of 18, in lieu of completion of an acceptable course of training, may secure a motorcycle endorsement by passing a road test in addition to passing a knowledge test. Eliminates a requirement to list race on drivers licenses and delays implementation of two changes to drivers licenses pending an information technology system upgrade. Introduced by Frye, Mills. Filed: 5/22/12. Passed first reading, referred to Transportation: 5/24/12.

Doc Ski’s Blog has been taken down. Please refer to the email updates that Paul and Doc send out.

IMPORTANT NC DATES:

General Election: 6 November 2012

5-23-12: Lobby Day for CBA/ABATE of NC was held on 23 May 2012. Wayne and Vinny attended.

Awareness is our best defense. Please stay involved legislatively.

**CBA/ABATE Lobbying Day
23 May 2012**

SEVEN SECRETS TO SUCCESS

- 1. BE PREPARED**
 - _ Organize your thoughts
 - _ Set priorities (and discuss first things first)
 - _ Give your best argument first
- 2. BE BRIEF (Tell them the time, not how to build a watch)**
- 3. BE FLEXIBLE (Go with the flow, be prepared to “walk and talk”)**
- 4. BE HONEST**
 - _ NEVER, EVER lie
 - _ “I don’t know” is an acceptable answer, and even beneficial
 - _ If there’s opposition, say so
- 5. BE POLITE**
 - _ Check attitudes at the door
 - _ Don’t throw bricks at people who make bricks
 - _ Remember the “Golden Rule”
 - _ Remember to say “Thank You”
- 6. BE BOLD**
 - _ Don’t be intimidated (you’re the expert)
 - _ Don’t be sidetracked
 - _ Don’t be afraid to ask for your legislator’s position and for their support
- 7. BE RESPONSIBLE (keeping your commitments gives you another bite at the apple)**

