

Legislative Update for Chatham County CBA – October 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' 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.**

North Carolina's gas tax became the third-highest in the nation this year. According to the Charlotte Business Journal, only Washington, at 37.5 cents per gallon, and California, at 35.7 cents per gallon, have higher rates than North Carolina's 35 cents per gallon. According to the Journal report, North Carolina was one of only seven states to raise their gas taxes this year.

Federal and international issues:

9-20-11: 6 MILLIONTH MOTORCYCLIST GRADUATES FROM RIDER TRAINING - There are 7.7 million motorcycles registered in the U.S., The Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) recently graduated its six millionth Rider Course student, a milestone reached through the ongoing efforts of nearly 10,000 Rider Coaches at more than 2,000 training sites worldwide.

Awareness is our best defense. Please stay involved legislatively.

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