

Legislative Update for Chatham County CBA – June 2011

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NC State Issues:

H 345. MODIFY MOVE OVER LAW - This bill modifies the "move over" law to include all highway maintenance vehicles and utility vehicles. The bill received a favorable report from the House Judiciary A Subcommittee on Monday, passed 2nd and 3rd reading in the House on Tuesday, and passed 1st reading in the Senate and was referred to the Judiciary II Committee on Wednesday.

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 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 5-4-11: Passed the House floor votes – Now in the Senate JII commit. **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 Finance committee **No change this month**

H 205 - MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH (H 105) – Designates the month of May as Motorcycle Awareness Month. This bill was authored and actively supported by CBA/ABATE of NC. Introduced by Hastings, T. Moore, McCormick, Folwell. Filed: 3/1/11 5-4-11 Referred to Senate Rules committee **No change this month**

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. 5-4-11: Passed House –in Senate JII 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 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 5-4-11: In commerce committee. **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 195 - Operation of Mopeds - Sponsor Apodaca (R – Buncombe) - Requires vehicle registration and proof of financial responsibility. 5-4-11: In Senate finance committee. **No change this month**

S 339 - Modify Driver Education Program to add one (1) hour of motorcycle awareness training to the existing drivers' education program. 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**

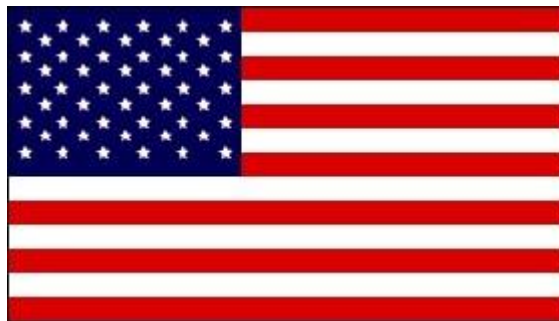
S 480 – Bill title: “Let Those Who Ride Decide” Provides helmet choice for people 18 and over. 5-4-11: Sent to the Senate Rules commit. **No change this month**

Federal and International issues:

None this month

Awareness is our best defense. Please stay involved legislatively.
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Flag Day is Tuesday, June 14, 2011



THE AMERICAN FLAG

Do you know that at military funerals, the 21-gun salute stands for the sum of the numbers in the year 1776?

Have you ever noticed the honor guard pays meticulous attention to correctly folding the American flag 13 times? You probably thought it was to symbolize the original 13 colonies, but we learn something new every day!

The 1st fold of our flag is a symbol of life.

The 2nd fold is a symbol of our belief in eternal life.

The 3rd fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veterans departing our ranks who gave a portion of their lives for the defense of our country to attain peace throughout the world.

The 4th fold represents our weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in time of war for His divine guidance.

The 5th fold is a tribute to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decaur, "Our Country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong.

The 6th fold is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that We pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States Of America, and the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

The 7th fold is a tribute to our Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that we protect our country and our flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of our republic.

The 8th fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day.

The 9th fold is a tribute to womanhood, and Mothers. For it has been through their faith, their love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great has been molded.

The 10th fold is a tribute to the father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since they were first born.

The 11th fold represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies in the Hebrews' eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

The 12th fold represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in the Christians' eyes, God the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit.

The 13th fold, or when the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost reminding us of our nation's motto, "In God We Trust."

After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington, and the Sailors and Marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones, who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for us the rights, privileges and freedoms we enjoy today.

There are some traditions and ways of doing things that have deep meaning. In the future, you'll see flags folded and now you will know why.