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**HOUSE BILL 214**

Short Title: Autocycles/No Helmet Required. (Public)

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Referred to: Transportation

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT AUTOCYCLE OPERATORS AND PASSENGERS WEAR A HELMET.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-140.4(a)(2) reads as rewritten:

"(a) No person shall operate a motorcycle or moped upon a highway or public vehicular area:

...

(2) Unless the operator and all passengers thereon wear on their heads, with a retention strap properly secured, safety helmets of a type that complies with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) 218. This subdivision shall not apply to an operator of, or any passengers within, an ~~autocycle that has completely enclosed seating-autocycle.~~"

**SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2017. Prosecutions for offenses committed before the effective date of this act are not abated or affected by this act, and the statutes that would be applicable but for this act remain applicable to those prosecutions.

