

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**HOUSE BILL 166**

Short Title: Increase Max. Speed for Mopeds and Scooters. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Allred, Crawford (Primary Sponsors); E. Floyd, Hughes, and Lucas.

Referred to: Transportation, if favorable, Judiciary III.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO INCREASE THE SPEED LIMIT FOR MOPEDS AND SCOOTERS.

3 Whereas, the General Assembly finds that the operation of mopeds and scooters on  
4 public streets and highways is a normal activity; and

5 Whereas, the General Assembly also finds that the maximum speed limit for  
6 mopeds and scooters is 30 miles per hour on a level surface; and

7 Whereas, the General Assembly finds that the operation of mopeds and scooters on  
8 public streets and highways at such low speeds impedes the normal flow of traffic and creates a  
9 hazard to the motoring public; Now, therefore,

10 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

11 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 105-164.3(22) reads as rewritten:

12 "**§ 105-164.3. Definitions.**

13 The following definitions apply in this Article:

14 ...

15 (22) Moped. – A vehicle that has two or three wheels, no external shifting device,  
16 and a motor that does not exceed 50 cubic centimeters piston displacement  
17 and cannot propel the vehicle at a speed greater than ~~30~~50 miles per hour on  
18 a level surface.

19 ...."

20 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

