REPEAL THE NORTH CAROLINA MOTORCYCLE HELMET LAW!

Petition summary and background	No one is more concerned about safely riding motorcycles than riders themselves. The decision to ride with or without a helmet is a personal decision that should be left to the individual, not the government. Regardless of bureaucratic arguments, the reality is fatality rates are virtually the same among states with or without mandatory helmet laws leaving little room to argue that mandatory helmet laws effectively save lives. What proves to be most effective is preventing crashes in the first place. Increased rider training and experience will reduce the number of crashes thereby decreasing the total numbers of injuries and fatalities far more effectively than mandatory helmet law. The majority of two-vehicle crashes involving motorcycles are caused when the other road user violates the motorcyclist's right-of-way. By educating other road users to become more aware of motorcycles the number of these crashes will be greatly reduced. Each year North Carolina loses millions in tax revenue dollars and fees related to motorcycles. Both the state and North Carolina businesses have the potential to lose approximately $5 million dollars in tourism just during the three week period before, during and after the popular motorcycle events Myrtle Beach Bike Week and the Annual Daytona Beach Rally alone. The majority of riders prefer to spend their money in states that recognize individual freedom of choice.
Action petitioned for	We, the undersigned, are concerned citizens who respectfully urge the members of the NC General Assembly and our state's Governor to repeal the language mandating safety helmets for adult motorcyclists and their adult passengers which is currently contained in NC statute GS20-140.04(a).

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