TO: North Carolina Law Enforcement Officers
FROM: Kelly J. Thomas, Commissioner
DATE: June 17, 2015
SUBJECT: House Bill 1145 - Moped Registration

On July 1, 2015, House Bill 1145 will go into effect. This bill requires that citizens register with the Division of Motor Vehicles and display a valid license plate on any moped that is operated on North Carolina roads. (Note: These vehicles will not be titled in North Carolina.) As when any new law goes into effect, there is an “adjustment” period during which citizens become familiar with the requirements of the law and how to comply with it.

I am soliciting your assistance during this adjustment period while the Division is continuing to inform and educate citizens about the new law. When appropriate, please consider issuing warning tickets rather than citations during the first thirty days the law is in effect.

Working together, the Division and you as law enforcement officers can promote an orderly and customer-friendly transition to compliance with the new law. Thank you for your support and teamwork.

If you have questions about the new law and its requirements, please contact the Bureau at 919-861-3143.

cc: Marion R. Warren, Interim Director, Administrative Office of the Courts
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