

SAFETY

BACKGROUND

ABATE considers motorcycle safety as our premier issue. Protecting those who ride motorcycles is a responsibility that is shared by all who use our public roadways. In the past, we have worked together to assure that everything possible is being done to make motorcycling safe (Yield Right of Way legislation, The Rider Education Fund, DMV's Share the Road program, etc.) Even with these efforts, there is still a disproportionate number of motorcycle accidents and fatalities in NYS.

CURRENT LEGISLATION

Motorcycle Safety Awareness Education

Assembly: A10071

Sponsor: Heastie

Senate: S06982

Sponsor: Parker

Summary:

Requires five hour pre-licensing course to include a motorcycle awareness and safety component, and the driver's license examination to include two questions concerning motorcycle awareness and safety.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Assembly: 3/3/10 Referred to Transportation

Senate: 3/3/10 Referred to Transportation

FAIRNESS

BACKGROUND

For years, motorcyclists have been systematically discriminated against by all levels of government. This is due in part to a very small proportion of the motorcycling community that has been affiliated with illegal gangs and organized crime. The vast majority of motorcyclists are law abiding citizens who work regular jobs, pay taxes and participate in community oriented events. Year after year, legislation is introduced to provide equal rights to the motorcycling community only to see the bills die in committee. We will continue to fight for our rights as Americans through legislative activity, awareness campaigns and voting.

CURRENT LEGISLATION

Return of Stolen Vehicles

Assembly: A02802

Sponsor: Kolb

Senate: S02633

Sponsor: Padavan

Summary: Expedites the return of stolen motor vehicles and motorcycles to their rightful owners thereby reducing overcrowding of police storage pounds; provides for evidentiary photographs of their vehicle to be made available upon discovery.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Assembly: 1/6/10 Referred to Codes

Senate: 1/6/10 Referred to Codes

Unidentifiable Parts

Assembly: A01933

Sponsor: Lupardo

Senate: Dilan

Summary: Provides that ownership of unidentifiable part in identifiable motorcycle, other than a stolen motorcycle shall be returned to such owner, provided that department has made findings such owner had no knowledge part was unidentifiable and that owner wasn't responsible nor acted in concert to render such part unidentifiable; provides that a department investigation shall

take place within thirty days after seizure of motorcycle; and requires commissioner to establish criteria to determine whether motorcycle shall be confiscated, seized or impounded and also to establish a system to ensure return of motorcycles to owners in undamaged condition.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Assembly: 01/14/2009 referred to transportation
02/24/2009 reported referred to codes
02/25/2009 reported referred to ways and means
05/05/2009 reported
05/07/2009 advanced to third reading cal.511
01/06/2010 referred to transportation

Senate: 01/28/2009 REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION
06/02/2009 1ST REPORT CAL.614
06/03/2009 2ND REPORT CAL.
06/04/2009 ADVANCED TO THIRD READING
07/16/2009 COMMITTED TO RULES
01/06/2010 REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION

Proration of Registrations

Assembly: A04210

Sponsor: Brennan

Senate: S7024

Sponsor: Adams

Summary: Permits registrants of stolen motor vehicles, motorcycles or trailers to credit the unused portion of the requisite registration fee against any subsequent registration fees for other vehicles owned by the registrant.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Assembly: 02/02/2009 referred to transportation
04/21/2009 reported referred to ways and means

05/05/2009 reported
05/07/2009 advanced to third reading cal.525
05/11/2009 passed assembly
05/11/2009 delivered to senate
05/11/2009 REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION
01/06/2010 DIED IN SENATE
01/06/2010 RETURNED TO ASSEMBLY
01/06/2010 ordered to third reading cal.317
02/24/2010 passed assembly
02/24/2010 delivered to senate
02/24/2010 REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION
Senate: 03/08/2010 REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION

Distinctive Plates for NYC Fire

Assembly: A08320

Sponsor: Titone

Senate: S05136

Sponsor: Lanza

Summary: Allows for distinctive plates to be issued for members of the New York city fire riders motorcycle club.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Assembly: 05/15/2009 referred to transportation

01/06/2010 referred to transportation

Senate: 04/27/2009 REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION

01/06/2010 REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION

FREEDOM

BACKGROUND

Motorcyclists have always enjoyed the feeling of freedom while riding. We are not confined to a “cage” on the road, rather, we are able to ride with the wind in our faces and the roar of a powerful machine beneath us. The original motorcycle groups formed in the US were comprised of returning WW II vets who loved the companionship of others who also fought for this country and sacrificed their own personal freedom so that others could live free. It is in this same spirit that today’s riders set out on the road.

CURRENT LEGISLATION

Helmet Bill

Assembly: A04541

Sponsor: Parment

Senate: S02403

Sponsor: Nozzolio

Summary: Exempts motorcyclists over the age of twenty-one from the requirement of wearing protective helmets of a type approved by the commissioner of motor vehicles when operating or riding a motorcycle.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Assembly: 02/04/2009 referred to transportation

01/06/2010 referred to transportation

Senate: 02/19/2009 REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION

01/06/2010 REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION

BILLS WE OPPOSE

BACKGROUND

As previously stated, motorcyclists are faced with discrimination on a daily basis. Well intentioned elected officials seem unable to simply leave the motorcycling community alone. There is always a new idea or regulation aimed solely at motorcyclists (like the "Trooper 5060" program). Every year bills are introduced in the Legislature that are aimed at restricting the rights of law abiding bikers. These bills are in conflict with the most precious part of the US Constitution and Bill of Rights... the right to be left alone by the government.

CURRENT LEGISLATION

Improving Safety for Motorcyclists

Assembly: A03304

Sponsor: Eddington

Senate: S04271

Sponsor: Foley

Summary: Requires a motorcycle dealer to obtain a copy of a purchaser's valid driver's license for the operation of a motorcycle and requires first time motorcycle purchasers to complete an approved motorcycle rider training program.

NO OTHER VEHICLES HAVE THIS REQUIREMENT!

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Assembly: 01/26/2009 referred to transportation

Senate: 04/20/2009 REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION

01/06/2010 REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION

Age Restrictions

Assembly: A04384

Sponsor: Markey

Senate: S05092

Sponsor: Alesi

Summary: Prohibits a person from operating or riding a motorcycle on a public highway, road or street in this state with a child under the age of twelve on such motorcycle.

While these two bills are different in the age limitations, **NEITHER ONE ACCOUNTS FOR THE SIZE OF THE RIDER!**

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Assembly: 02/03/2009 referred to transportation

01/06/2010 referred to transportation

Senate: 04/27/2009 REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION

01/06/2010 REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION

