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A BILL

To amend section 4508.08 of the Revised Code to 1
make changes to the laws related to the 2
motorcycle safety and education program. 3

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 4508.08 of the Revised Code be 4
amended to read as follows: 5

Sec. 4508.08. There is hereby created in the department of 6
public safety the motorcycle safety and education program. The 7
director of public safety shall administer the program in 8
accordance with the following guidelines: 9

(A) (1) The program shall include courses of instruction 10
conducted at vocational schools, community colleges, or other 11
suitable locations, by instructors who have obtained 12
certification in the manner and form prescribed by the director. 13
The courses shall meet standards established in rules adopted by 14
the department in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised 15
Code. The courses may include instruction for novice motorcycle 16
operators, instruction in motorist awareness and alcohol and 17
drug awareness, and any other kind of instruction the director 18
considers appropriate. A reasonable tuition fee, as determined 19

by the director, may be charged. The director may authorize 20
private organizations or corporations to offer courses without 21
tuition fee restrictions, but such entities are not eligible for 22
reimbursement of expenses or subsidies from the motorcycle 23
safety and education fund created in section 4501.13 of the 24
Revised Code. 25

(2) The director shall do both of the following: 26

(a) Authorize private organizations or corporations to 27
offer any nationally recognized motorcycle operator training 28
courses or curriculum and any course established in accordance 29
with division (A)(1) of this section; 30

(b) Permit an applicant for a motorcycle operator's 31
endorsement or a restricted license that permits only the 32
operation of a motorcycle who has completed any motorcycle 33
operator training course or curriculum as authorized in division 34
(A)(2)(a) of this section successfully within the preceding 35
sixty days to be eligible for the examination waiver as 36
described in division (B)(1) of section 4507.11 of the Revised 37
Code. 38

(B) In addition to courses of instruction, the program may 39
include provisions for equipment purchases, marketing and 40
promotion, improving motorcycle license testing procedures, and 41
any other provisions the director considers appropriate. 42

(C) The director shall evaluate the program every two 43
years and shall periodically inspect the facilities, equipment, 44
and procedures used in the courses of instruction. 45

(D) The director shall appoint at least one training 46
specialist who shall oversee the operation of the program, 47
establish courses of instruction, and supervise instructors. The 48

training specialist shall be a licensed motorcycle operator and 49
shall obtain certification in the manner and form prescribed by 50
the director. 51

(E) The director may contract with other public agencies 52
or with private organizations or corporations to assist in 53
administering the program. 54

(F) Notwithstanding any provision of Chapter 102. of the 55
Revised Code, the director, in order to administer the program, 56
may participate in a motorcycle manufacturer's motorcycle loan 57
program. 58

(G) The director shall contract with an insurance company 59
or companies authorized to do business in this state to purchase 60
a policy or policies of insurance with respect to the 61
establishment or administration, or any other aspect of the 62
operation of the program. 63

(H) A private organization or corporation that offers any 64
nationally recognized motorcycle operator training course or 65
curriculum is not required to use the end-of-course skills 66
evaluation used by a course established in accordance with 67
division (A)(1) of this section if the evaluation used by the 68
private organization or corporation meets or exceeds the 69
requirements of the evaluation authorized by the director under 70
this section. 71

(I) If an instructor for a nationally recognized 72
motorcycle operator training course or curriculum is certified 73
by the private organization or corporation authorized to offer 74
the course or curriculum under division (A)(2)(a) of this 75
section, that instructor is not required to do either of the 76
following: 77

(1) Be certified or trained in the manner and form 78
prescribed by the director under division (A) (1) of this 79
section; 80

(2) Be certified or trained in the manner and form 81
prescribed by any other private organization or corporation 82
authorized to offer a nationally recognized motorcycle operator 83
training course or curriculum. 84

Section 2. That existing section 4508.08 of the Revised 85
Code is hereby repealed. 86