

HB 129 (Permit wearing earplugs to protect hearing while operating a motorcycle)

Proponent Testimony

November 20, 2019

Chairman McColley, Vice Chair Johnson, Ranking Member Antonio, and members of the Senate Transportation, Commerce, and Workforce Committee. My name is Mike Stock, Chairman of the Board of Directors of ABATE (American Bikers Aimed Toward Education). ABATE of Ohio, Inc. is in support of amending section 4511.84 of the Revised Code to permit a person to wear earplugs for hearing protection while operating a motorcycle. Earplugs are for the hearing protection of the rider. Earplugs are not a sound emitting devices, such as ear buds.

This request is for ear plugs only, excluding ear buds for music listening, but does not ask for a change in in-helmet communication systems currently in use. This legislation also has the support of the American Motorcycle Association and the Motorcycle Riders Foundation.

Thank you,

Micheal Stock
Chairman of the Board
ABATE of Ohio, Inc.