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Mr. Chairman – HB 338 would bring efficiency to the motorcycle training program by not requiring dual certification of private instructors with the Motorcycle Ohio program and by allowing final skills tests by private providers.

IN BOTH INSTANCES, this can only happen if Ohio officials have certified that the private training program meets or exceeds the NHTSA standards for motorcycle training. In OH, the Motorcycle Ohio program is certified to operate and so is the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF). **THIS IS EXISTING LAW.**

Since both the Motorcycle Ohio and MSF curricula meet or exceed NHTSA standards, there is no need for MSF instructors to also be certified in Ohio's program. In addition, Ohio has authority to provide oversight and inspections of the MSF curriculum **UNDER EXISTING LAW.**

My legislation would require a \$400 fee for new private providers who want to be certified in OH and would require a \$50 fee for instructor background checks. **THIS IS NEW REVENUE.** In addition, removing the requirement to be dual certified will free up training slots and staff time for those who actually want to use the Motorcycle Ohio program.

With all due respect to my friends with ABATE, meetings were held last year to discuss funding concerns with the bill. Now, many months later, they have recycled the old arguments from last year's bill.

I feel we have responded to all their concerns, and I would appreciate your support on House Bill 338.

Sincerely,

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