

MOTORCYCLE RIDER EDUCATION PROGRAM

AMENDMENTS

2009 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Bradley M. Daw

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill modifies the Uniform Driver License Act by amending provisions relating to the motorcycle rider education program.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

► provides that a person who is at least 15 years 6 months of age and has been issued a learner permit may enroll in and complete a motorcycle rider training course if the course is conducted on a closed course that:

- is not conducted on a public highway;
- is approved by the Driver License Division; and
- meets or exceeds established national standards for motorcycle rider training courses prescribed by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation; and

► makes technical changes.

Monies Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

53-3-903, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 382

30 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

31 Section 1. Section **53-3-903** is amended to read:

32 **53-3-903. Motorcycle Rider Education Program.**

33 (1) (a) The division shall develop standards for and administer the Motorcycle Rider
34 Education Program.

35 (b) The division shall make rules in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah
36 Administrative Rulemaking Act, to implement this chapter.

37 (2) The program shall include:

38 (a) a novice rider training course;

39 (b) a rider training course for experienced riders; and

40 (c) an instructor training course.

41 (3) The division may expand the program to include:

42 (a) enhancing public awareness of motorcycle riders;

43 (b) increasing the awareness of motorcycle riders of the effects of alcohol and drugs;

44 (c) motorcycle rider skills improvement;

45 (d) program and other motorcycle safety promotion; and

46 (e) improvement of motorcycle licensing efforts.

47 (4) (a) [Rider] Subject to the restriction in Subsection (4)(b), rider training courses
48 shall be open to all residents of the state who:

49 (i) are at least 15 years 6 months of age; and

50 (ii) either hold a valid [driver's] learner permit or driver license for any classification
51 or are eligible for a [temporary] motorcycle [learner's] learner permit.

52 (b) A person who has been issued a learner permit may enroll in and complete a rider
53 training course if the course is conducted on a closed course that:

54 (i) is not conducted on a public highway;

55 (ii) is approved by the division; and

56 (iii) meets or exceeds established national standards for motorcycle rider training
57 courses prescribed by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation.

58 ~~[(b)]~~ (c) An adequate number of novice rider training courses shall be provided to
59 meet the reasonably anticipated needs of all persons in the state who are eligible and who
60 desire to participate in the program.

61 ~~[(c)]~~ (d) Program delivery may be phased in over a reasonable period of time.

62 (5) (a) The division may enter into contracts with either public or private institutions
63 to provide a rider training course approved by the division.

64 (b) The institution shall issue certificates of completion in the manner and form
65 prescribed by the director to persons who satisfactorily complete the requirements of the
66 course.

67 (c) An institution conducting a rider training course may charge a reasonable tuition
68 fee to cover the cost of offering the course.

69 (d) (i) The division may use program funds to defray its own expenses in
70 administering the program.

71 (ii) The division may reimburse entities that offer approved courses for actual
72 expenses incurred in offering the courses, up to a limit established by the division based upon
73 available program funds.

74 (iii) Any reimbursement paid to an entity must be entirely reflected by the entity in
75 reduced course enrollment fees for students.

76 (6) (a) Standards for the motorcycle rider training courses, including standards for
77 course curriculum, materials, and student evaluation, and standards for the training and
78 approval of instructors shall meet or exceed established national standards for motorcycle rider
79 training courses prescribed by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation.

80 (b) Motorcycle rider training courses shall be taught only by instructors approved
81 under Section 53-3-904.

82 (c) Motorcycle rider training courses for novices shall include at least eight hours of
83 practice riding.

84 (7) The commissioner shall appoint a full-time program coordinator to oversee and
85 direct the program.

