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Motorcycle Safety Amendments

2025 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Ariel Defay

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill increases a fine for a person who operates a motorcycle without a motorcycle endorsement.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- increases a fine for a person who operates a motorcycle without a motorcycle endorsement on the person's driver license; ~~{and}~~

- requires a court to waive the increased fine if the person obtains a motorcycle endorsement within ~~{180 }~~30 days of the date of the ~~{traffic violation.}~~ plea or sentencing; and

- allows a court to extend the 30-day period if the court finds it reasonable and necessary.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

None

AMENDS:

53-3-202, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 459, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 459

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22 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*
23 Section 1. Section **53-3-202** is amended to read:
24 **53-3-202. Drivers must be licensed -- Violation.**
24 (1) A human driver may not drive a motor vehicle or an autocycle on a highway in this state unless the
 human driver is:
26 (a) granted the privilege to operate a motor vehicle by being licensed as a driver by the division under
 this chapter;
28 (b) driving an official United States Government class D motor vehicle with a valid United States
 Government driver permit or license for that type of vehicle;
30 (c)
 (i) driving a road roller, road machinery, or any farm tractor or implement of husbandry temporarily
 drawn, moved, or propelled on the highways; and
32 (ii) driving the vehicle described in Subsection (1)(c)(i) in conjunction with a construction or
 agricultural activity;
34 (d) a nonresident who is at least 16 years [~~of age~~] old and younger than 18 years [~~of age~~] old who has
 in the nonresident's immediate possession a valid license certificate issued to the nonresident in
 the nonresident's home state or country and is driving in the class or classes identified on the home
 state license certificate, except those persons referred to in Part 6, Drivers' License Compact, of this
 chapter;
39 (e) a nonresident who is at least 18 years [~~of age~~] old and who has in the nonresident's immediate
 possession a valid license certificate issued to the nonresident in the nonresident's home state or
 country if driving in the class or classes identified on the home state license certificate, except those
 persons referred to in Part 6, Drivers' License Compact, of this chapter;
44 (f) driving under a learner permit in accordance with Section 53-3-210.5;
45 (g) driving with a temporary license certificate issued in accordance with Section 53-3-207; or
47 (h) exempt under Title 41, Chapter 22, Off-highway Vehicles.
48 (2) A human driver may not drive a motor vehicle or perform lateral or longitudinal vehicle motion
 control for a vehicle being towed by another motor vehicle upon a highway unless the human driver:
51 (a) is licensed under this chapter to drive a motor vehicle of the type or class of motor vehicle being
 towed; or

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- 53 (b) is exempted under either Subsection (1)(b) or (1)(c).
54 (3)
. (a) A human driver may not drive a motor vehicle as a taxicab on a highway of this state unless the
person has a valid class D driver license issued by the division.
- 56 (b) A human driver may not drive a motor vehicle as a private passenger carrier on a highway of this
state unless the human driver has:
- 58 (i) a taxicab endorsement issued by the division on the human driver's license certificate; or
60 (ii) a commercial driver license with:
- 61 (A) a taxicab endorsement;
62 (B) a passenger endorsement; or
63 (C) a school bus endorsement.
- 64 (c) Nothing in Subsection (3)(b) is intended to exempt a human driver driving a motor vehicle as a
private passenger carrier from regulation under other statutory and regulatory schemes, including:
- 67 (i) 49 C.F.R. Parts 350-399, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations;
68 (ii) Title 34, Chapter 36, Transportation of Workers, and rules adopted by the Labor Commission in
accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act; and
71 (iii) Title 72, Chapter 9, Motor Carrier Safety Act, and rules adopted by the Motor Carrier Division in
accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.
- 74 (4)
. (a) Except as provided in Subsections (4)(b), (c), (d), and (e), a human driver may not operate:
- 76 (i) a motorcycle unless the human driver has a valid class D driver license and a motorcycle
endorsement issued under this chapter;
78 (ii) a street legal all-terrain vehicle unless the human driver has a valid class D driver license; or
80 (iii) a motor-driven cycle unless the human driver has a valid class D driver license and a
motorcycle endorsement issued under this chapter.
- 82 (b) A human driver operating a moped, as defined in Section 41-6a-102, is not required to have a
motorcycle endorsement issued under this chapter.
- 84 (c) An individual operating an electric assisted bicycle, as defined in Section 41-6a-102, is not required
to have a valid class D driver license or a motorcycle endorsement issued under this chapter.
- 87 (d) An individual is not required to have a valid class D driver license if the person is:
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- (i) operating a motor assisted scooter, as defined in Section 41-6a-102, in accordance with Section 41-6a-1115; or
- 90 (ii) operating an electric personal assistive mobility device, as defined in Section 41-6a-102, in accordance with Section 41-6a-1116.
- 92 (e) A human driver operating an autocycle is not required to have a motorcycle endorsement issued under this chapter.
- 94 (5) An automated driving system as defined in Section 41-26-102.1 is not required to have a driver license.
- 96 (6)
- . (a) A person who violates this section is guilty of an infraction.
- 97 (b) Except as provided in Subsection (6)(d), a person who violates Subsection (4)(a)(i) or (4)(a)(iii) is subject to a minimum fine of \$350.
- 99 (c) The fine described in Subsection (6)(b) is in addition to any other fine for a violation of Title 41, Chapter 6a, Traffic Code, or a local ordinance related to the operation of the motorcycle.
- 103 (d)
- 102 ~~(d)~~(i) A court shall waive the fine imposed under Subsection (6)(b) if the person provides to the court within ~~{180}~~30 days of the date of the ~~{violation}~~ entry of a plea or sentencing, whichever is later, proof that the person has been issued a motorcycle endorsement as provided in this chapter.
- 107 (ii) A court may extend the 30-day time period described in Subsection (6)(d)(i) for a reasonable time period for the person to obtain a motorcycle endorsement for good cause shown.

110 Section 2. **Effective date.**

This bill takes effect on May 7, 2025.

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