

SENATE BILL 3123

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AN ACT to designate May, 2012, as "Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month" in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, safety is the highest priority for the streets and highways of our state and its cities; and

WHEREAS, many thousands of Tennessee residents and visitors enjoy motorcycling as an energy-efficient mode of transportation and as an enjoyable recreational activity; and

WHEREAS, increased awareness and knowledge of the rules of the road, combined with the development of good riding/driving skills, are necessary for the safe operation of all vehicles; and

WHEREAS, education of both motorcycle riders and operators of other motor vehicles is necessary to reduce the pain, suffering, and economic losses caused by traffic crashes; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Safety trains up to ten-thousand (10,000) Tennessee citizens per year to safely ride motorcycles through the Motorcycle Rider Education Program that is supported by additional dollars paid through motorcyclists' registrations; and

WHEREAS, the Concerned Motorcyclists of Tennessee/American Bikers Active Towards Education organization is instrumental in saving lives through their volunteerism and financial resources garnered through a grant from the Motorcycle Rider Education Program fund of the Department of Safety; now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. The General Assembly hereby designates May 2012, as "Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month" in Tennessee and urges all citizens to join in this observance.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.