



Greetings to all my fellow Freedom Fighters, supporters of motorcycle rights, and ABATE members!

As I sit down to write this monthly report I look back through my notes and see everything that happened this past month. Our Legislative Director Mike Infanzon has been working hard on all the legislation that has anything to do with motorcyclists. He is also working on how to educate the public on the Lane Filtering law that went into effect almost two years ago. This seems to be taking more time than we anticipated. I know Will Cleveland has had meetings with the Tucson Police Department on how to improve the situation.

Mike Infanzon is traveling to Washington D.C. along with Sam, also of EPIC Policy Group, to attend the annual Michael "Boz" Kerr Biker's Inside the Beltway. This annual event is put on by our friends at the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF). This event is a way for motorcycle rights activists to gather and lobby the members of Congress. I know that they have appointments with many of our elected officials. Those who are unable to meet will continue to be contacted by telephone, email, and also contacting their local offices here in Arizona.

This past month of May was also Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month. I know many of our cities and towns have issued proclamations designating May as Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month. The Town of Tombstone has issued a proclamation for the first time. We are making arrangements to meet with the Mayor to thank him and get our copy. I hope that all of our chapters have partaken in various events to promote motorcycle safety around our state. Thank you to everyone for all you do to make Arizona safe for ALL motorcyclists.

Southern Arizona Chapter has once again sponsored their annual Fisher House Run in support of our veterans and their families at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Tucson. This year the run was held in May due to scheduling conflicts. The turnout was good and I only know of one bike that broke down which unfortunately was mine. I did not get to the end location until after almost all prizes and raffles were completed. Thanks to Gebo's Motorcycle Towing for coming to my rescue.

I am looking forward to this month / May's Arizona Confederation of Motorcycle Clubs (ACMC) monthly meeting. They try and move the meeting locations around the state so more folks can attend. May's meeting was held here in Tucson. For those who may not know, ABATE of Arizona is a

Charter member of the ACMC. The ACMC meets monthly and allows MCs from around the state to get together and discuss various topics that affect the motorcycling community and the motorcycle clubs in particular. ABATE works with the ACMC on legislative issues and other issues that come to light.

June brings some of the best riding weather of the year especially in the high country of our great state of Arizona. It also brings the heat and the threat of dehydration. Please remember that if you wait until you are thirsty it is too late. Drink plenty of water, before, during, and after your rides. Use sun screen and cover the exposed skin on hot sunny days. Also remember that alcohol will dehydrate you faster, so watch your consumption; especially when riding in hot weather.

June is also the month when my favorite event of the year happens. TOO BROKE FOR STURGIS! This year is the 33rd year that ABATE of Arizona is hosting this event. This year's event will once again be held at the Winslow Rodeo Grounds. We have moved the event back to June. The dates are June 20th to June 23rd. The committee has been hard at work and they have a great event lined up for us. The line up for the live bands has been posted. We will have "Perfect Storm", "Bad June", and also "Last Train to Juarez"! I know that many of you look forward to this event every year and really enjoy all the games, music, vendors, food, camaraderie, and the great riding in the area. Too Broke is much more than that.

Too Broke For Sturgis is the only major fund raising event that ABATE of Arizona puts on at the State level. ALL proceeds from this wonderful weekend go towards continuing the fight for our "Freedom of the Road". This event helps pay for the publication of the *MasterLink*, plus it helps fund delegations to participate in conferences with other motorcycle rights ac-



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tivists from around the country.

TBFS also allows ABATE of Arizona to support the efforts of the American Motorcyclists Association (AMA) and the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) on a national level, and much more than I can list here. So when you attend TBFS not only are you having a GREAT weekend, you are helping to make sure that ALL motorcyclists will continue to enjoy the freedoms that we are so blessed to be enjoying now.

As you ride up to beautiful Winslow Arizona, please be careful and enjoy the trip. There are many things to do while you are in the Winslow area. Ride safe.

I look forward to seeing many of our members up at the Winslow Rodeo Grounds. As always, ABATE and the Too Broke committee are in need of volunteers to help with this event. This is a great way to support our organization and to meet others from around the state who are also volunteering. Please consider stepping up and volunteering at Too Broke for Sturgis!

I encourage all who believe in the Freedom of the Road to join ABATE of Arizona if you have not already done so. Even

if you cannot attend your local meetings, it is important that we expand our membership. The politicians who try to limit our freedoms see the strength in our numbers and feel the pressure when we send out a Call to Action, and their email boxes are flooded, and the phone lines are screaming. It is by showing as a united front that we are heard.

Remember that the reason more of your fellow motorcyclists are not members of ABATE of Arizona is because they have never been asked to join! If every ABATE member recruited just one new member every year our numbers would double every year and we would be a force to be reckoned with. So ask every rider you meet if they are a member. If they are not, ask them to come to a meeting and learn who we are and what we stand for. ASK THEM TO JOIN! The time to organize and fight for your freedoms is BEFORE they are all gone!

Until next time! Ride Free! Ride Safe! Ride Endorsed!

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The Arizona Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Foundation (AMSAF) and Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) want to help. Our Financial Assistance Helmet program provides individuals with \$125 from AMSAF and 25% off the Manufacturer's suggested retail price (MSRP) when you purchase a DOT-approved, full face or modular helmet at AMSAF approved locations throughout the state.

For more information or to apply go to AMSAF.org/Helmets

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Lane Filtering information cards are now available from your local Chapter

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 Treasurer.....Douglas Kreag
 Sgt at Arms.....Open
 Membership.....Douglas Kreag
 Runs/Events.....Open
 Safety Coordinator.....Open
 PAC.....Open
 Communications.....Open
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National 'Secure Your Load Day' is June 6th

*"Secure your load as if everyone you love is driving in the car behind you."
-Robin Abel, Founder of Secure Your Load*

The Importance of Securing Your Load

by Mike Infanzon, mike@abateofaz.org
Legislative Director, ABATE of Arizona



Every year, unsecured loads on vehicles cause thousands of accidents on our roads, leading to injuries and even fatalities. Recognizing the critical importance of this issue, Arizona has taken a proactive step with the introduction of Senate Bill 1376, sponsored by Senator Shawna Bolick. This legislation expands the requirement to secure loads from just highways to all roadways across Arizona. With National Secure Your Load Day on June 6th, it's a timely reminder of the potentially life-saving importance of this simple yet crucial practice.

The Impact of Unsecured Loads

Recent statistics from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) paint a stark picture of the dangers posed by unsecured loads:

- In 2020 alone, unsecured loads led to 82,479 crashes nationwide.
- These incidents resulted in 16,595 injuries and 715 fatalities.
- In Arizona, since 2019, unsecured loads have caused 4,589 crashes and 22 fatalities.

These numbers are not just statistics; they represent families impacted, lives cut short, and communities shaken by preventable tragedies.

Understanding SB1376

Senate Bill 1376 is a legislative response to these alarming figures, designed to tighten load-securing regulations and enhance road safety. By extending the requirement to secure loads to all roadways, not just highways, the bill aims to reduce the likelihood of debris-related crashes. This is a significant step forward in our collective responsibility to ensure safer

travel for everyone on the road.

Why Securing Your Load is Essential

Securing your load would not just be a legal requirement; it's a critical safety practice. An unsecured load can quickly become a deadly projectile, endangering not only the driver but everyone else on the road. Properly securing items in a vehicle or on a trailer:

- * Prevents items from falling off and causing accidents or road obstructions.
- * Reduces the risk of losing valuable cargo.
- * Ensures compliance with traffic laws, avoiding fines and penalties.

How to Secure Your Load Effectively

1. Use Appropriate Restraints: Tie-downs, cargo nets, and ropes should be appropriately rated for the weight and type of load you are carrying.
2. Cover Loose Material: For loads like sand, dirt, or small debris, use a sturdy cover or tarp to prevent spillage.
3. Regular Checks: Regularly check your load, especially on long trips, to ensure that it remains securely fastened.
4. Follow Manufacturer's Guidelines: Utilize the load-securing points provided by your vehicle's manufacturer for maximum safety.

As we observe National Secure Your Load Day, let us all commit to this simple yet effective practice. By securing our loads, we contribute to safer roadways and protect lives. Remember, a secure load is a safe load!

Please consider sharing the following messages via your Social Media to help emphasize the importance of Secure

Loads to make our roads safer for everyone.

Post 1: Awareness

This National Secure Your Load Day, remember that safety starts with you! Every item secured is a potential accident prevented. Let's make our roads safer together! #SecureYourLoad #RoadSafety

Post 2: Education

Did you know? Unsecured loads caused over 80,000 accidents in 2020 alone. Don't be a statistic! Secure your load, save lives. #SecureYourLoadDay #SafetyFirst

Post 3: Call to Action

Join us in making Arizona's roads safer! Ensure your load is secure, whether you're driving on a highway or a local street. #SecureYourLoad #AZRoadSafety



Chapter Reports

Coyote Pass Chapter

There was a great turnout on May 14 for our monthly meeting. 15 people participated (if I didn't miscount). There were several new faces as well as several returning members. Thanks to everyone for joining us. Sorry if we seem a little disorganized. We are still getting our act together. Bear with us.

Our chapter is growing, and once again we are trying to establish roles (officers). Just when we had a good Secretary-Treasurer, she had to leave. So tonight, we elected a new Secretary - Jeri Wise and a new Treasurer - Denise Green. We are just getting everything figured out and have to start over, LOL!

After our minor setback, we are on our way to organized. And it was great that Mohave Chapter's PAC Officer Denny Lange stopped by and spoke at our meeting tonight.

Last month we had an information booth set up at the Route 66 Bike Week. Unfortunately, the weather conspired against us on the first day (Friday), but on Saturday the weather brought in some crowds. Many thanks to Roger Green for donating the booth fee! We talked to a lot of folks, and gained a couple of new members as a result.

Saturday (May 18th) we will be participating in a memorial ride honoring one of this chapter's founders, Harley Pettit. He was very active in the motorcycle community in other organizations as well as ABATE and was known to many. We expect a large turn out as we ride to Seligman, one of his preferred rides. RIP Harley, you will be missed.

We are looking forward to Too Broke for Sturgis. Several members plan to attend and volunteer.

Meetings are held at Calico's Restaurant, 418 W. Beale St. in Kingman,

AZ. Get together at 5pm for dinner or come just for the meeting at 6pm.

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East Valley Chapter

East Valley Chapter continues to support membership booth opportunities at Scottsdale HD and other events. Scottsdale HD puts on a great bike night which includes several vendors. Their Bike Night has given ABATE great exposure for lane filtering and the Too Broke For Sturgis event. As always, be on the lookout for all free of charge membership booth spaces and remind the event sponsor that ABATE is a non-profit that benefits all riders.

At the AZ Boot Bootique's bike nite on April 17th we held a raffle for a bagger's sound system. We would like to thank Rockford-Fosgate for their generous sound system donation.

There were no lane filtering presentations this month but we have been handing out modified lane filtering cards which contain a QR code link to the on-line presentation. Let's all do our best to educate riders and car drivers on proper lane filtering; and acknowledge riders who are doing it correctly. Our Safety Officer, Matthew Reemelin, goes out of his way to provide positive comments to riders that

he observes conducting the lane filtering correctly.

Our June meeting will take place at American Legion Post 138, at the Post's Broadway/Mill location.

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Meeting host for ABATE's East Valley Chapter

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Phoenix Chapter has been setting up a membership and information booth regularly at the Cycle Gear Bike Night. It takes place every second Tuesday of the month, including summer months. The posted time is from 4pm to 7pm but it runs over. They do giveaways, helmet toss, and a dunk tank. Lots of people show up. The store supports ABATE but is not a business member (yet). They set out our tri-folds and display a 'Support ABATE' sign. This Cycle Gear store is located at 8337 W Bell Rd Ste 101 in Peoria. Stop by if you are in the area on a 2nd Tuesday.



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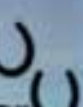
Phoenix Chapter at CycleGear Bike Night with Vice-Coordinator Jay at the helm.

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Southern AZ Chapter

Southern Arizona Chapter conducted our 8th annual Run for Fisher House on the 18th. We had great participation from local riders and support from several local businesses. There'll be more about it in July's MasterLink.

Next month, we're having our meeting at the NW Tucson Moose Lodge #2543 at 2660 W Ruthrauff Rd at 10:00 on June 15th.

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Yuma Chapter

is reorganizing. Want to help share the message of Motorcyclists Rights, Safety, & Awareness in the Yuma area?

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Yavapai Chapter

Hello to all,

We continue to set up our ABATE EZ up for events to share information and to sign up members, and our numbers are still going down. Our last event was the Prescott Trail Riders annual race on 18May2024. That day, Holli Woosley and Andrew Killian handled the booth for ABATE memberships and, along with Dan Toomey (PTR & ABATE member), supported the races.

There were approximately 150 racers with all AMA classes being represented. Congratulations to all the winners. A great time had by all.

Cheers for now and safe riding to all.

Tim Thomas

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Vice-President's Report

Another month has gone by, and Summer is here. What an amazing time the end of April was in Mohave County! Coyote Chapter had a booth in Kingman at the Thunder-Rode BikeFest on Beale Street and Mohave Chapter had a booth in Bullhead at the Tri-State River Run. Shout out and many thanks to Crazy Ray from Bullhead. He not only invited ABATE but is working on a special project: Look Twice And Save A Life. Crazy Ray is trying to reach out to Bullhead school-age children to work in different mediums of Art to teach kids to see motorcycles. It's always a matter of being respected and teaching the next generations that we are here.

I also want to thank High Country Chapter for their continued support and having a booth at the White Mountain Bike Rally.


In a couple of weeks, we have Too Broke For Sturgis in Winslow. I'm honored as always from Winslow to show off my hometown. Small towns in America are so important, just like all places are. Please remember why we attend these rallies ... To promote motorcycle safety & protect our rights as motorcyclists. Plus, we all just want to get away from our daily lives for a while sometimes. Motorcyclists come from all walks of life. An event like Too Broke brings everyone together, with mutual respect, to just have some fun. I can't wait to see all my friends just like at past Too Broke events. Not long from now we can get together, raise a glass, pat each other on the back, and say, "It's good to see you".

Until then, respect not only each other but also yourself. See you all soon,



Paula 'Bubbles' Beall
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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

This Legislative Report provides the most current information about bills that could impact motorcyclists. May 1, 2024 is the 115th day of the Second Regular Session of the 56th Arizona State Legislature. To date, 1,761 bills have been introduced and staff continues to review these measures to identify potential impacts. Please note the highlighted sections represent bills newly added to this report and bills stricken out are considered “dead” at this point.

HB2332 – Traffic; vehicle laws; cities; prohibition

Sponsor Rep. Cesar Aguilar (D)

Summary: Prohibits local authorities from enacting or enforcing an ordinance or regulation that prohibits “cruising” (defined) or limits motor vehicle suspension modifications or bumper heights. AS PASSED HOUSE.

Position Support

Status Failed House

Last Action 03/18/2024 S - FAILED - Senate Transportation, Technology and Missing Children

Ch. 70, Laws 2024 (HB2370 - Oxygenated fuel; federal approval; extension)

Sponsor Rep. Gail Griffin (R)

Summary: Extends the deadline for the United State Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to approve proposed modifications to the gasoline fuel formulation requirements to July 1, 2027 so that Laws 2017, Chapter 295, Section 2 becomes effective. Contains emergency clause. AS PASSED HOUSE.

Position Support

Status Signed/Filed into Law

Last Action 04/02/2024 G - Signed

HB2426 - Off-highway vehicle; temporary registration (Technical correction; traffic violations)

Sponsor Rep. Timothy M. Dunn (R)

Summary: Permits the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) to issue temporary registrations if a person is a nonresident who owns an “off-highway vehicle” (defined) that is titled in another state and otherwise meets vehicular requirements per state law. Exempts owners of an off-highway vehicle that qualifies under the above registration requirements from the once every 12 months registration limit. AS PASSED HOUSE.

Position Support

Status Chmbr2: Await Cmte Vote

Last Action 03/18/2024 S - HELD - Senate Transportation, Technology and Missing Children

HB2522 - Defensive driving schools; fees

Sponsor Rep. Michele Pena (R)

Summary : Requires the court of record or a vendor that is contracted by the court to collect the court diversion fee and surcharge before a person attends driving school. Removes the requirement for the school to collect the fee and transfer it to the court. Requires the defensive driving school to collect the fee for its services before a person attends driving school. Requires a vendor that is contracted by the court for processing payments to confirm the person’s eligibility and comply with rules relating to procurement. Effective April 1, 2025. AS PASSED BY HOUSE.

Position Support

Status Chmbr2: Await Rules

Last Action 03/28/2024 S - Hearing Scheduled - 04/01/2024, 1:00 PM - Senate RULES, Caucus Room 1

HB2545 – Annual vehicle emissions testing; exemption

Sponsor Rep. Rachel Jones (R)

Summary: Exempts any vehicle manufactured in or after the 2018 model year from annual emissions program requirements. AS PASSED HOUSE.

Position Support

Status Failed House

Last Action 03/27/2024 S - FAILED - Senate Third Reading

HB2546 – Vehicle emissions; exemption

Sponsor Rep. Rachel Jones (R)

Summary : Includes vehicles manufactured before the 2018 model year in any references to covered vehicles under the Act as it pertains to inspection, registration, sales, leasing, vehicle classes, and both tampering and emissions testing. Exempts vehicles manufactured after the 2018 model year from any requirement by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) pertaining to enforcing this Act. Requires approval from the United States Environmental Protection Agency for modifications to the vehicle emissions testing program as part of the Arizona implementation plan for air quality by July 1, 2027, for this Act to become effective and for the ADEQ to notify the Director of the Arizona Legislative Council before September 1, 2027 of the date the condition was met or not met. AS PASSED HOUSE.

Position Support

Status Failed House

Last Action 04/01/2024 S - FAILED - Senate Third Reading

HB2573 - Use fuel dispenser labels; penalties

Sponsor Rep. Leo Biasiucci (R)

Summary: Modifies the civil penalty for use fuel vendors who violate use

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fuel dispenser labeling or posting requirements to be \$100 total instead of \$100 for each day the violation continues and requires the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) to provide labels to vendors in bulk. AS PASSED HOUSE.

Position Support

Status Chmbr2: To COW/Consent

Last Action 04/08/2024 S - Hearing Scheduled - 04/10/2024 - Committee of the Whole, Senate Floor

HB2866 - Electric vehicles; registration fee

Sponsor Rep. David L. Cook (R)

Summary: Establishes a \$135 registration fee for motor vehicles that are fueled exclusively by electricity and have been issued an Alternative Fuel Vehicle Special Plate or Sticker by the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT). Due to a potential increase in state revenue, this legislation requires the affirmative vote of at least 2/3 of the members of each house of the Legislature for passage, and becomes effective on signature of the Governor.

Position Support

Status Failed House

Last Action 02/29/2024 H - FAILED - House Third Reading

HCR2018 - Tax prohibition; vehicle mileage; monitoring

Sponsor Rep. Travis Grantham (R)

Summary: The 2024 general election ballot is to carry the question of whether to amend Article IV of the Constitution of Arizona, prohibiting the state, and any county, city, town, municipal corporation, or other political subdivision, from imposing a tax or fee on any person based on the vehicle miles traveled by the person in a motor vehicle, or enact any rule or law to monitor or limit the vehicle miles traveled by a person in a motor vehi-

cle unless the rule or law requires that the person voluntarily consents to the monitoring or limitation. Stipulates that this change does not apply to an interstate agreement to administer the payment or reporting of fuel taxes for registration fees for commercial vehicles that operate in more than one state. AS PASSED HOUSE.

Position Support

Status Failed House

Last Action 03/06/2024 S - PASSED - Senate Miscellaneous Motion

SB1003 - Prohibition; photo radar

Sponsor Sen. Wendy Rogers (R)

Summary: Prohibits the use of "photo-enforcement systems" (defined) by law enforcement and local authorities to enforce traffic laws. Contains a legislative intent clause. AS PASSED SENATE.

Position Support

Status Failed Senate

Last Action 03/22/2024 H - FAILED - House Transportation & Infrastructure

SB1010 - Vehicle mileage; tracking; tax; prohibitions

Sponsor Sen. Jake Hoffman (R)

Summary: Prohibits a city, town, county or political subdivision from considering or establishing Vehicles Miles Travel Reduction goals for use with state projects, or track or maintain a record of personal vehicle miles of travel records (via odometer readings, cameras, or any other means of recording) of any person, or impose any mileage fee or tax on miles traveled by an individual in a motor vehicle.

Position Support

Status Failed Senate

Last Action 02/29/2024 S - FAILED - Senate Third Reading

SB1052 - All-terrain vehicles; definition

Sponsor Sen. Frank Carroll (R)

Summary: Increases the maximum weight from 2,500 pounds to 3,500 pounds in the definition of "off-road vehicles" (defined). Provides that this legislation does not become law unless by September 2, 2027, the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) establishes and funds a remediation program to help mitigate damage to the land, including private property, that happens because of ATV use, and the ADOT establishes and funds a county sheriff law enforcement program pertaining to ATV laws in Arizona to enable the sheriff to have dedicated enforcement of ATV laws. Requires the ADOT to notify the Arizona legislative council of compliance or noncompliance with those stipulations by October 1, 2027. AS PASSED HOUSE.

Position Support

Status Chmbr2: Await 3rd Read

Last Action 04/10/2024 H - DPA - House Committee of the Whole

Ch. 76, Laws 2024 (SB1055 - Off-highway vehicle study committee; extension)

Sponsor Sen. Sine Kerr (R)

Summary: Establishes the 17-member Arizona Off-Highway Vehicle Study Committee to collect and study information regarding off-highway vehicle issues. Requires the committee to create and submit a report by January 1 of each year to the Governor and Legislature that details committee activities, findings and recommendations. Stipulates the committee is repealed after May 31, 2025. AS PASSED BY SENATE.

Position Support

Status Signed/Filed into Law

Last Action 04/02/2024 G - Signed

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SB1064 - Conditional enactment; fuel reformulations (Gasoline reformulations; air quality.)

Sponsor Sen. Justine Wadsack (R)

Summary: Requires gasoline offered for sale in counties with 1,200,000 or more residents to comply with one of six (previously two) listed fuel reformulation options, subject to any waiver issued by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Requires gasoline produced and shipped to and offered for sale in counties with 1,200,000 or more residents between November 1 and March 31 of each year to comply with one of six (previously one) listed standards, subject to any waiver issued by EPA. Establishes rules for a petition to comply with alternative standards if maintaining listed standards presents a possible shortage of supply. Permits the legislature to petition the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) to allow retail sellers to sell or offer gasoline for sale that does not meet the standards prescribed. Directs ADEQ to submit proposed modifications to the gasoline fuel formulation requirements recommended to EPA.

Requires the Arizona Department of Agriculture to maintain a list of all approved gasoline formulations by area on its website. The balance of the bill applies to selling gasoline or oxygenate by one seller to another, rules for gasoline reformulation in other zoned areas and a final report of compliance or non-compliance by October 1, 2025. (More) AS PASSED SENATE.

Position Amend

Status Chmbr2: To COW/Consent

Last Action 04/24/2024 H - DPA - House Committee of the Whole

SB1376 - Vehicle loads; restrictions

Sponsor Sen. Shawna Bolick (R)

Summary: Extends vehicle load restrictions from highways to streets and roadways, applied uniformly throughout Arizona and in all its political subdivisions. Exempts vehicles being used for agricultural purposes on a farm. Prohibits enactment or enforcement of an ordinance or regulation that prohibits “cruising” (defined) or limits motor vehicle suspension modifications or bumper heights when the vehicle’s operator is engaged in cruising. AS PASSED HOUSE.

Position Support

Last Action 05/01/2024 G - Transmit to Governor

SB1567 - Off-highway vehicles; education requirement

Sponsor Sen. Sine Kerr (R)

Summary: Defines “motor vehicle” as any self-propelled vehicle and adds any vehicle operated on water to exclusions. Lists prohibitions for a minor under 12 years of age, between 12 and 16 years of age and someone under 18 operating an “off-highway vehicle” (defined) and prescribes penalties for doing so, including for the parents or guardians who allows those individuals to do so. Creates exclusions if the minor is a passenger and certain criteria are met. Requires a valid license to operate an off-highway vehicle per this legislation and prescribes penalties for violations. Requires the Arizona Department of Game and Fish (ADGF) to certify an off-highway vehicle safety education course that includes verification of completion. Requires that on January

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1, 2025, proof of completion of that course is required before the Arizona Department of Transportation or ADGF may issue a resident or non-resident off-highway vehicle indicia per state law. Requires sharing of data between the two pertaining to the indices. Requires the ADGF to develop a report summarizing the program, class, implementation, public response and recommendations for legislation to the Governor and legislature by December 1, 2026. Self-repeals on June 1, 2027. AS PASSED SENATE.

Position Support

Status Chmbr2: Await 3rd Read

Last Action 04/10/2024 H - DP - House Committee of the Whole

SB1680 - Minors; motorcycle helmets; citations (Traffic violations; photo radar; penalties)

Sponsor Sen. David Gowan (R)

Summary : Permits law enforcement to issue a citation for a violation of the helmet requirement for minors riding a motorcycle, all-terrain vehicle,

or motor driven cycle if the violator is 16 or 17 years of age and has been issued a driver's license or permit. Exempts all three if operated as part of a farm operation and the vehicle is an agricultural vehicle, operated on private property or otherwise exempted by state law. Permits an operator of any of the three to be issued a citation if their passenger is under 18 years of age and not wearing a protective helmet pursuant to state law, or if the operator is under 18 and is not wearing a protective helmet and is in the same group or party as the operator of the initial operator who is at least 18 years of age. Prescribes a civil penalty of \$100 or community service is the person is 16 or 17 at the time of the violation. AS PASSED HOUSE.

Position Support

Last Action 04/24/2024 S - Transmit to Senate

SB1681 - Slow driving; left lane; penalty

Sponsor Sen. David Gowan (R)

Summary: Assesses a civil penalty of \$250 to anyone that operates a vehicle less than the normal speed of traffic

~~appropriate for the time, place and conditions who operate their vehicle in the right-hand lane or as close to that lane as is practicable, except when passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction.~~

Position Support

Status Failed Senate

Last Action 02/22/2024 S - FAILED - Senate Third Reading

SCR1001 - Photo radar prohibition

Sponsor Sen. Wendy Rogers (R)

Summary: Bans local authorities and state agencies from using automated photo enforcement systems to identify excessive speed violations or failures to obey traffic control devices. More:

Position Support

Status Failed Senate

Last Action 02/12/2024 S - FAILED - Senate Transportation, Technology and Missing Children

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WHAT a GREAT day for a ride! Blue skies, high white clouds, temp is down to 90 degrees, and traffic seems to be temporarily light. Even though it was just to run a few errands, I couldn't stop grinning. I. LOVE. THIS. TRIKE.

When I was riding on two wheels, I was never comfortable riding alone. I mean – people didn't see me when I was driving a mom-van! Is it any wonder that they run motorcycles off the road?!?! Crazy, distracted, impatient, rude, and oblivious drivers (a rant for another day) meant that I preferred to ride, almost exclusively, with friends. Like Arizona's much loved wild horses, running in a herd (or riding in a group) is a matter of visibility, safety, and support.

Nellie, though, (my trike) has a presence. I don't stress about riding alone. We get noticed. The Harley FLRT is sleek and



sporty, not a mobile lounge chair. And her tan leather seat adds a touch of class topping off the black tins. One of these days, I'll get her pin-striped with yellow roses (mom's favorite), but that's for a future budget.

With three wheels, of course her stance is wider. She isn't made for sharing a lane! But beyond that, I always get reactions from other drivers: the guy who rolls down the window of his pickup truck to give me a nod and a thumbs up, the high school girls yelling out the car window, "YOU'RE SO COOL! I want to be you when I get older!" Ha!

Today was a couple of crew members at KFC outside on a smoke break, ogling Nellie as I came out the door after lunch. "Oh! Is this your trike? I wondered about your gloves..." (pink with skulls and roses) "when I took your order!" Yep. More than just a fashion statement.

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My husband has always said, "You have to find the bike that speaks to you." Apparently, my bike is a trike. And we got a thing goin' on!

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The Motorcycle Awareness Program classes have been completed for the spring semester. Of note, our longtime supporter Rich Hamilton of Red Mountain HS is retiring. We thank him for allowing us to present to his classes. We hope Red Mountain will continue to conduct drivers' education training.

Now is the time for all chapters to reach out to their local high schools to determine if ABATE can come into one of their classes for the day, in the fall semester. The class doesn't need to be drivers' education. At Skyline and Desert Ridge we've also presented to social studies, auto shop, and gym classes. The best point of contact is the school principal.

If you are interested in learning more about the MAP program, either to assist the existing classes or to get the program implemented in your area, contact Jim Silk at the contact information below.

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MRF News: NHTSA Digs Deeper On Tesla Crashes

May 10, 2024 ... This week the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) notified Tesla that the company must provide additional information about a recent software recall and update of the Autopilot feature. The recall was announced in December of 2023 and was intended to improve Tesla's driver-engagement systems, which are used to monitor whether drivers are safely operating the vehicle. Failure by Tesla to respond before the July 1st deadline could result in fines of up to \$135 million.

This request by NHTSA comes on the heels of an April report in which NHTSA studied hundreds of crashes involving Tesla vehicles. The report found that Tesla Autopilot contributed to at least 467 collisions and 14 deaths from January 2018 through August 2023. The report said that drivers involved in those crashes "were not sufficiently engaged in the driving task and that the warnings provided by Autopilot when Autosteer was engaged did not adequately ensure that drivers maintained their attention on the driving task."

This issue should be on the top of all motorcyclists' minds as just last month, months after the recall intended to address these problems, a biker was killed by a Tesla reported to be operating on Autopilot.

Later this month, MRF members will be in Washington, D.C. for the 2024 Bikers Inside the Beltway event. You can be sure that this issue and the safety of motorcyclists on the road will be a topic of conversation with hundreds of Congressional offices. The MRF is working to ensure that every Member of Congress knows what former NHTSA official Missy Cummings said last year, "It's very dangerous for motorcycles to be around Teslas."

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