

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 841

Introduced by Assembly Member Jones

February 26, 2015

An act to amend Section 2932 of the Vehicle Code, relating to motorcycle safety.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 841, as introduced, Jones. Motorcyclist safety training programs.

Existing law authorizes the Commissioner of the California Highway Patrol, through contracts with other public agencies or with private entities, to provide financial or other support to projects aimed at enhancing motorcycle operation or safety. Existing law requires all administrative costs of a premier motorcyclist safety training program to be paid for by the provider.

This bill would specify that those administrative costs would include the cost of owning and maintaining motorcycles. The bill would also make various technical, nonsubstantive changes.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 2932 of the Vehicle Code is amended to
- 2 read:
- 3 2932. ~~The commissioner may,~~ *commissioner,* through contracts
- 4 with other public agencies or with private entities, *may* do all of
- 5 the following:

1 (a) Provide financial or other support to projects aimed at
2 enhancing motorcycle operation and safety, including, but not
3 limited to, motorcyclist safety training programs. The motorcyclist
4 safety training programs shall comply with criteria ~~which~~ *that* the
5 commissioner, in consultation with other state agencies and
6 national motorcycle safety organizations, may adopt to provide
7 validated motorcyclist safety training programs in the state.

8 (b) Sponsor and coordinate efforts aimed at increasing motorists'
9 awareness of motorcyclists.

10 (c) Sponsor research into effective communication techniques
11 to reach all highway users on matters of motorcyclist safety.

12 (d) Establish an advisory committee of persons from other state
13 and local agencies with an interest in motorcycle ~~safety~~; *safety*,
14 persons from the motorcycle ~~industry~~; *industry*, motorcycle safety
15 ~~organizations~~; *organizations*, motorcycle enthusiast ~~organizations~~;
16 *organizations*, and others with an interest in motorcycle safety, to
17 assist in the establishment of a comprehensive program of
18 motorcycle safety.

19 (e) Adopt standards for course content, contact hours,
20 curriculum, instructor training and testing, and instructional quality
21 control, and setting forth a maximum amount for course fees for
22 the novice rider training course *as* specified in subdivisions (g)
23 and (i) of Section 12804.9.

24 (f) (1) Adopt standards for course content, contact hours,
25 curriculum, instructor training and testing, and instructional quality
26 control, for a premier motorcyclist safety training program.
27 Motorcycle safety training courses offered under a premier
28 motorcyclist safety training program shall meet all of the following
29 requirements:

30 (A) Provide a core curriculum approved for the novice rider
31 training course specified in subdivision (e).

32 (B) Additional course requirements established by the
33 commissioner.

34 (2) On and after January 1, 2008, the commissioner shall not
35 impose a maximum amount for course fees for courses provided
36 under the premier motorcyclist safety training program.

37 (3) All administrative costs of a premier motorcyclist safety
38 training program, *including the cost of owning and maintaining*

- 1 *motorcycles*, shall be paid for by the provider, and none of the
- 2 costs shall be paid for by the state.

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