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Senate Bill 68

(Senator Charles)

Judicial Proceedings

Driver's Licenses - Driver Skills Examination - Motorcycle Safety Awareness

This bill requires the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) to include at least five questions related to motorcycle safety awareness on the driver skills examination required for the issuance of a driver's license. The questions must address the following items: (1) visibility of motorcycles; (2) proper lane positioning around motorcycles; (3) safe following distances around motorcycles; (4) preventing crashes with motorcycles; and (5) any other topic related to motorcycle safety that MVA deems relevant.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: MVA can implement the bill with existing budgeted resources. Revenues are not affected.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: An individual may not attempt to drive a motor vehicle on any highway in the State unless the person holds a driver's license, is expressly exempt from licensing requirements, or is otherwise specifically authorized to drive the class of vehicle that the individual is driving or attempting to drive.

To obtain a driver's license, an applicant must pass a driver examination. The examination tests vision, the ability to read and understand highway signs, knowledge of traffic laws and safe driving practices, a demonstration of the applicant's ability to exercise reasonable

control in driving a motor vehicle, and any other additional physical or mental examination MVA considers necessary to determine an applicant's fitness to drive a motor vehicle safely.

Additional Information

Recent Prior Introductions: Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

Designated Cross File: None.

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