
THIRD READING

Bill No: ACR 74
Author: Friedman (D), et al.
Introduced: 5/4/23
Vote: 21

ASSEMBLY FLOOR: Read and adopted, 5/26/23

SUBJECT: Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month

SOURCE: Author

DIGEST: This resolution designates the month of May 2023 as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month in California, and acknowledges the need for awareness on the part of all drivers with regard to sharing the road with motorcycles.

ANALYSIS: This resolution makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Motorcycle riding is a popular form of efficient transportation and recreation for more than 1.4 million licensed Californians. Motorcycles travel approximately 21 million miles each year in the United States, riding an average of 2,500 miles per year.
- 2) Motorcycles provide a means of transportation that uses fewer resources, causes less wear and tear on public roadways, and increases available parking areas.
- 3) Through the Department of the California Highway Patrol's California Motorcyclist Safety Program, the state trained over 52,000 riders in 2022, and 1.4 million since the start of the program. These efforts led to a 2.6% decrease in motorcycle fatalities since 2014, while at the same time, non-motorcycle traffic fatalities in California increased by 41.3%. And, nationwide motorcycle fatalities increased by an average of 10%.
- 4) California leads the way in training and safety for motorcyclists, and we are saving lives. It is important that drivers of all vehicles be aware of one another and learn to share the road and practice courtesy.

- 5) Designating the month of May 2023 as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month in California, will acknowledge the need for awareness on the part of all drivers, especially with regard to sharing the road with motorcycles, and honor motorcyclists' many contributions to the communities in which they live and ride.

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Comments

According to the author,

ACR 74 recognizes May 2023 as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month, and encourages Motorcycle Safety training and the need for awareness of all drivers to share the road with motorcyclists. The resolution cites evidence that motorcycle training through the Department of the California Highway Patrol's California Motorcyclist Safety Program contributes to a decrease in motorcycle fatalities.

FISCAL EFFECT: Appropriation: No Fiscal Com.: No Local: No

SUPPORT: (Verified 6/5/23)

None received

OPPOSITION: (Verified 6/5/23)

None received

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