

Date of Hearing: May 18, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
SCR 168 (Jones) – As Introduced April 27, 2026

**SENATE VOTE:** 39-0

**SUBJECT:** Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month in California.

**SUMMARY:** Designates the month of May 2026 as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month in California; and, acknowledges the need for awareness on the part of all drivers, especially with regard to sharing the road with motorcycles; and, honors motorcyclists' many contributions to the communities in which they live and ride. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Motorcycle riding is a popular form of efficient transportation and recreation for Californians and visitors to our Golden State. Motorcyclists travel approximately 21 million miles per year in the United States, riding an average of 2,500 miles each. Motorcycles provide a means of transportation that uses fewer resources, causes less wear and tear on public roadways, and increases available parking areas.
- 2) Through the Department of the California Highway Patrol's California Motorcyclist Safety Program, the state has trained over 1.2 million riders out of the 1.4 million total riders licensed since the start of the program in the 1980s.
- 3) Along with the assistance of the California Office of Traffic Safety, rider education, and the Department of Transportation's freeway message boards, these efforts have led to a 10 percent decrease in annual motorcyclist fatalities compared to the number of fatalities in 2022 and 2023, while at the same time, the national average of annual motorcyclist fatalities has increased by 1 percent since 2022 and 2023. California leads the way in training and safety for motorcyclists, and we are saving lives.
- 4) It is important that drivers of all vehicles be aware of one another, learn to share the road, and practice courtesy.
- 5) ABATE of California, which is a motorcyclists' rights and safety organization, the American Motorcyclist Association, the Bay Area Riders Forum, and the California Motorcycle Dealers Association are organizations that actively promote the safe operation of motorcycles, advocate for more rider training courses through California Highway Patrol provider Total Control Training, and advocate for increasing motorist recognition of motorcycles.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

ABATE of California  
California Motorcycle Dealers Association (CMDA)

**Opposition**

None on file

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