

Tennessee Motorcyclist



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LET FREEDOM ROLL!!

CMT/ABATE, INC. HAS NEGOTIATED A FREEDOM OF CHOICE BILL IN THE TN LEGISLATURE REGARDING THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE TO WEAR A HELMET ON MOTORCYCLES FOR ADULTS .

HB 903, SB 1536

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THE LEGISLATION THAT HAS BEEN FILED IN THE TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAS A MAJOR DIFFERENCE THIS TIME AROUND. THERE IS **NO FISCAL NOTE.** That means that it is not required to go through the "black hole" finance committee in the House of Representatives or Senate. No fiscal note means there is no cost to the State of Tennessee to make this change in law.

This is a SAFETY BILL

One of the conditions included in the bill makes it a **SECONDARY** offense to stop someone for reasons of concern with the compliance with the new law. Thus, it will encourage riders who exercise their **freedom of choice** to ride without a helmet to be more cautious in their riding—ie: no speeding, or other law infractions. The number one cause of death in motorcycle accidents is impaired riding. **DON'T RIDE FRIED!**

CALL YOUR STATE REPRESENTATIVE AND SENATOR TODAY!

You can find all the information on this bill and the phone numbers and/or emails of your legislators at www.capitol.tn.gov. There is a search engine on the home page—find your legislator by typing in your address. Easy. You can look for the bill by the numbers.

HB 903 and SB 1563

Take five minutes to explain why you support the legislation and ask the legislator to sign on as a cosponsor. The more cosponsors, the better the chance of passage. Email our legislative director of the outcome of your contact. Thank you for helping to secure **Freedom of Choice.**

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Charter

Contacts

Meeting times

Caney Fork	Terry Presley 615-642-8025 Presley7290@yahoo.com	Last Sunday of the month @ 4pm, Lolly's Café 211 Colonial St. Carthage Tn. 37030
Dickson/Humphreys/Hickman	Terry "Bub" Davis 615-969-3673 terrybubdavis@yahoo.com	3 rd Thursday of the month @ 7pm, VFW Dickson
Montgomery County	Roy West 931-627-1917 kountrycrazy@gmail.com	1 st Tuesday @ 7pm, Jackie's Country Kitchen 1578 Zinc Plant Rd. Clarksville
Music City	Wendell Baldwin 615-838-1490 Wiggles1202@yahoo.com	Contact for location
Nashville	Jack Jones 615-579-4112	2 nd Wednesday @ 6pm, Rebar Donelson
Robertson County	Roland Verchota 615-533-6368 verchotaw@bellsouth.net	1 st Tuesday @ 7pm, Piggy Pit, Springfield
Smith/Wilson/Stones River	Larry Binkley 615-417-5229 lb54panel@aol.com	1 st Saturday @ 2pm, The Roost Lebanon
Sumner County	Jeff Hollins 615-808-1618 jlhollis@yahoo.com	3 rd Thursday @ 7pm, VFW Hendersonville
Upper Cumberland	Ron Erwin 931-879-3899	1 st Sunday * Call for location

Director's Column

Welcome everyone, it's the beginning of a new Year. A lot to look forward to this year with activities starting to break loose. There are several positions available, Newspaper editor, PR/Communication, Legislative Director, Assistant Corporate Director and Webmaster. We are always looking for aggressive persons who like to take on challenges. Do you have that drive? Are you motivated? Do you believe in Freedom and want to protect your rights? Submit your resume to cmtabate@icloud.com if you have that itch inside to do something important. Two wheeling in Tennessee has lot going for it with all the Highways and Byways it has to offer. The views are explosive around our State. That's all for now. See ya soon. Ride Safe, Be Free

Corporate Director
Scott



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

To: Senator/ Representative.

Subject SB 1536 /HB 903.

Mr./Mrs _____

In reference to this bill, I would like to address the way it is viewed by our representatives.

We have always advertised as a freedom of choice, but it is more an issue of Adult Accountability.

In this great state we set ages to which people are responsible and accountable for their actions.

At age 16 a young adult can Pass a couple of tests and become a licensed driver and operate a 3000 Pound automobile with minimal training.

At age 18 A person can register to vote and to help choice our leaders in the state and nationally.

18 is also the age of sexual consent.

At age 21 A person can purchase Tobacco and start exposing their bodies to harmful chemicals, they can also purchase alcohol and risk addiction and related issues from what can be considered a dangerous drug.

Just recently our representatives passed legislation making adults accountable for wearing mask and eliminating mandates.

My point is that all of these things are up to set ages and what the state thinks is suitable for accountability, But the few of us are being singled out because of our mode of transportation. At what age are we accountable for what type of hat we wear when riding?

Please consider this view as this bill is presented in the next session.

Respectfully

Joel Jernigan

Assistant Corporate Director

CMT/ABATE.

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To: All CMT/ABATE members.

Below are the Senate Committees we must face for the helmet bill. If one of the Senators is yours, please contact and let them know they should support the Freedom of Choice bill SB1536. These will be the biggest Hurdles for passage.

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NEW YEAR = NEW LEGISLATION

With 2021 in the rearview, New Year 2022 has hit the ground running in several states considering pro- and anti-biker laws, including some helmet legislation, profiling, noise, motorcycle safety, lane splitting, bike parking and lighting issues.

Freedom of Choice on helmet use is on the docket in some of the 18 states that still mandate riders to wear them, such as Massachusetts (H3524 & S2328: helmet standards), Nebraska (LB581) and West Virginia (HB2711 / SB127), while New York seeks to study the efficacy of helmets (A1107) and Alabama's legislature will consider requiring reflective headgear (SB65).

Lane splitting has been a hot topic lately, and Massachusetts (H3513 & S2315), Virginia (HB838) and Washington (HB1106 / SB5622 & HB1254) hope to join California, Montana, Utah & Hawaii in allowing motorcycles to bypass slow moving vehicles in heavy traffic situations.

Likewise, anti-biker profiling by law enforcement has been on many states' agendas since being enacted in Washington, Maryland, Louisiana and most recently Idaho, and now New York is the first this year among many more to introduce legislation (A1747 / S3869) in hopes of preventing police from discriminating against motorcyclists in their application of the law.

By sheer numbers, Massachusetts takes the prize for the most pro-motorcycle bills introduced already this session, with 11 pieces of legislation including H3487 / S2329 to advance motorcycle safety, H3417 / S2331 relative to a motorcycle safety fund, and H3438 to clarify testing and enforcement of motorcycle sound emissions.

On the "anti-" side of the dockets, New York is once again considering a prohibition on children under the age of 12 from riding on a motorcycle (A148), and Virginia will debate "excessive noise" (HB367 and HB632 / SB180).

The year is young, with many more issues of interest on the horizon, pro and con, that concerned riders need to track and stay on top of, and one of the best ways to do so is to join your state motorcyclists' rights organization (SMRO) and subscribe to the monthly NCOM Biker Newsbytes by e-mailing "Subscribe" to NCOMBish@aol.com.

BIKER ANTI-PROFILING RESOLUTION NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

Since the federal Highway Bill passed Congress and was signed into law by President Biden without most of the pro-motorcycle provisions that bikers across America lobbied to include, it is now imperative that riders turn their attention toward garnering support for the stand-alone measure in the House that would help prevent anti-biker profiling.

Nearly three years ago, the U.S. Senate unanimously passed a nonbinding resolution condemning the discriminatory profiling of motorcyclists by law enforcement (S. Res. 154), and now the U.S. House of Representatives is again considering a similar bipartisan measure in the 117th Congress, H. Res. 366; "Promoting awareness of motorcyclist profiling and encouraging collaboration and communication with the motorcycle community and law enforcement officials to prevent instances of profiling."

Sponsored once again by Rep. Tim Walberg (R-MI) along with original co-sponsors Congressman Michael Burgess (R-TX), Congresswoman Cheri Bustos (D-IL) and Congressman Mark Pocan (D-WI), the anti-profiling resolution was introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives on April 30, 2021 to thwart "the illegal use of the fact that a person rides a motorcycle or wears motorcycle related apparel as a factor in deciding to stop and question, take enforcement action, arrest, or search a person or vehicle with or without legal basis under the Constitution of the United States," as profiling is defined in the resolution.

H.R. 366 acknowledges that "complaints surrounding motorcyclist profiling have been cited in all 50 States," and the bipartisan resolution denotes three actionable items;

- (1) promotes increased public awareness on the issue of motorcyclist profiling;
- (2) encourages collaboration and communication with the motorcyclist community and law enforcement to engage in efforts to end motorcyclist profiling; and
- (3) urges State law enforcement officials to include statements condemning motorcyclist profiling in written policies and training materials.

All concerned motorcyclists are encouraged to contact their Congressional Representatives at (202) 224-3121 to ask that they join with 59 other colleagues as current cosponsors of H.Res.366 and help put a stop to law enforcement unfairly targeting motorcycle riders for traffic stops, questioning and citations.



Lawmakers Head to the Exits in 2022

Happy New Year! As is the case every two years, 2022 is an election year for much of Congress. All 435 members of the U.S. House of Representatives, and 1/3 of the U.S. Senate are up for reelection in November. Add state and local elections to that and literally thousands of elections will take place this year.

What's been interesting about this year's congressional races is the number of lawmakers who are retiring, and not seeking reelection. While every year has a handful of retirements, 2022 might set a record! As of this week, 37 Representatives (26 Democrats and 11 Republicans) as well as 6 Senators (1 Democrat and 5 Republicans) have announced they will be stepping down at the end of the year.

The reasons for retirements vary, some are seeking higher office, others are fed up with Washington D.C. and others are simply avoiding potential election defeat. Regardless of the reason for these departures, it's surprising that nearly 10% of lawmakers are headed for the exits.

There are two important things you as a Motorcycle Riders Foundation member should take away from these retirements. First, if your elected official is retiring, have they been supportive of MRF priorities in the past? In the final months of their time in D.C., many congressional offices will change their tune on issues and be more supportive of topics they avoided in the past. It doesn't hurt to reach out again, and push for MRF priorities before the lawmakers are gone for good. Ask the MRF D.C. team if we can help! Second, with so many vacancies around the country, it's a great time to get to know new candidates. Getting in on the ground floor and building relationships early in the process is one of the best ways to impact change and support your fellow bikers. In 2020, bikers in Michigan developed an early relationship with a candidate for office months before the election. That candidate won and became a U.S. Representative! She still fondly remembers the support she received early on from riders in her district. So get involved early and introduce yourself to the new crop of leaders headed to D.C.

Below is the current list of lawmakers departing their current positions. This list will grow in the coming months, keep your eyes and ears opened and stay up to date on who represents you in D.C. Reach out to the MRF D.C. team if you have any questions about the changing make up of Congress.

- **Alabama:** Brooks, Shelby
- **Arizona:** Kirkpatrick
- **California:** Bass, Lowenthal, Roybal-Allard, Speier
- **Colorado:** Perlmutter
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CMT/ABATE, Inc. is not a "Biker Club", but a non-profit, political organization that was formed to preserve freedom and safety for all Tennesseans who enjoy motorcycling. Our major goals are to modify existing laws that are detrimental to motorcycle safety and enjoyment, and to enact new legislation in support of all motorcyclists who ride in Tennessee. If you are concerned about preserving personal freedom and motorcycle safety, please join us.

February 2022

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Sumner Co.

Monthly Meeting

The Sumner Charter meets the Third Thursday each month at the Hendersonville VFW. We had 12 attendees at our December 16 meeting. The Southern Thunder Rally 2021 Event generated a gross profit for the Charters and plans are already underway for an STR 2022. Members can expect the STR 2022 flyer by the January 15 Kick Off Party in Nashville. Betty Stewart is actively seeking Event Insurance.

Reminder to all about the January 15 Kick Off Party. Guy Corrigan reminds the group to reserve their hotel rooms and Betty Stewart has made the final payment for the Party. We are still in need of a Legislative Director position and our infrastructure bill did not get approved which blocks motorcycle check points. Our Abate Paper Editor is resigning and Scott, our Director, will temporarily create electronic communications. Betty Stewart informed the group there is a \$200 monthly payout for this position should anyone in the Sumner Charter be interested.

We held our officer voting for the new year and Kevin Black was nominated and voted in as the Sumner Assistant Director and Lisa James was nominated and voted in as Secretary. Jeff Hollins confirmed to continue as Director and Treasurer while we search for someone else to serve.

The New Specialty Plate requires 1,000 names in a spreadsheet along with a monetary collection to commit to the purchase and enable the State to produce the new design. The deadline to get this done may be fast approaching.

Upcoming Events:

- Swap Meet target date: April 2022
- Liberty Rally Update:
 - Event date: Weekend after Mother's Day 2022
 - Event Location: Jackson County Fairgrounds
- Mark Davis announces the Antique Motorcycle Association will be hosting their National Rally at the Lebanon Fairgrounds in September 2022

No Other Charters reported:

QUOTABLE QUOTE:

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NOISE-DETECTING CAMERAS TO FINE LOUD MOTORCYCLES IN FRANCE

Traffic cameras that can identify excessively noisy motorcycles and vehicles are being deployed across France, with riders and drivers who flout the rules facing fines of €135 (\$153USD).

The debate over the devices, which have been trialed in various countries across Europe, has run rife for some time, but the French are the first nation to initiate a wider roll-out of cameras that will flash and fine motorcycles and vehicles that exceed noise levels.

The Bruitparif-designed Meduse cameras feature microphones attached to a camera that can pick up and identify the direction of noise from the road below. Should the sound rise above a certain decibel, the camera is activated and a fine is subsequently issued.

Though noise cameras are -- officially speaking -- aimed at all vehicles, many feel motorcycles are unfairly targeted compared to cars with many routes popular with bikers used during trials.



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