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Director's Column

Welcome Riders and it's summertime.

I hope everyone is enjoying themselves out there. We're just at the beginning of summer. So, there's a lot of events and other rides we'll be able to do this year. Not much going in legislation right now until we get past the midterm elections in November. If your representative or senator in your area is against freedom of choice. Then it's time to vote him out. It's time for Tennessee citizens to take back our rights.

Since the first of the year, membership is up by 21.3%. It seems that more and more people are wanting to take back their rights instead of losing them. And that is actually what our goal is. The only way we can do this is to be diligent and true to our beliefs. Well, that's all for now. See you on the roads. Ride free ride safe.

Corporate Director

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MOTORCYCLE RIDERS FOUNDATION -- MEETING OF THE MINDS 2022

"Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty." – Thomas Jefferson

For nearly forty years, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation has been eternal vigilant. Nothing demonstrates more the MRF's commitment to freedom and liberty than the MRF's ongoing presence on Capitol Hill and the offices of members of Congress.

Eternal vigilance comes from an unyielding commitment by the MRF that goes to the roots of the nation's premier bikers' rights advocacy organization – the Annual Meeting of the Minds Conference.

The 38th Annual Meeting of the Minds, scheduled for September 22-25 in Des Moines Iowa, will do everything to reinforce the MRF's commitment to motorcyclists' rights and staying eternal vigilant.

Charlie "Chopper" Gilmore – U.S. Army veteran, motorcycle restorer, and freedom fighter is on deck as just one of the presenters at the 2022 Meeting of the Minds. His presentation – The Price of Freedom – is taken from life experiences and will certainly motivate and inspire attendees. Plus, the conference is sure to reinforce the MRF's commitment eternal vigilance.

The Meeting of the Minds – renewing old friendships and making new ones. The Meeting of the Minds – three days of nuts-and-bolts workshops to augment the tools needed to promote and protect the rights of all motorcyclists. The Meeting of the Minds – more than a dozen presentations and workshops to build and strengthen individual's and state motorcyclists' rights organization's commitment to protecting the freedoms motorcycling brings us all.

Workshops and presentations include but are not limited to:

- Up-to-the-minute Legislative Updates
- The necessity of Political Action Committees
- Riding skill enhancement
- What aging demographics means to motorcycling

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation lives and understands Eternal Vigilance... understands The Blessings of Freedom... and understands the commitments needed to protect rights, liberty, freedom, and our motorcycles from the pending siege from over-regulating and callous bureaucracies. Jefferson, Paine, and a host of others took stands to promote and defend the freedoms that all motorcyclists' rights advocates understand.

The Meeting of the Minds – September 22-25, Marriott Downtown Des Moines, 700 Grand Avenue. Use this link to Book your group rate for Motorcycle Riders Foundation Annual Meeting 2022. Or call (888) 236-2427 and mention Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) when you make reservations. Use this link to register for the conference Meeting of the Minds 2022. Last Day to Book: Wednesday, September 7, 2022.

Thank you for your support of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation and we look forward to seeing you in Des Moines for the 38th Annual Meeting of the Minds

A photograph of a man and a woman sitting on the hood of a blue pickup truck. The man is wearing a red shirt and the woman is wearing a blue beanie and a red shirt. They are both looking out over a mountain range under a clear blue sky. The text "Spring into adventure." is overlaid on the left side of the image.

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NCOM BIKER NEWSBYTES
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TENNESSEE WAIVES REGISTRATION FEES FOR ONE YEAR

If you own a motorcycle in Tennessee, or personal automobile, you should be aware of a new moratorium on state vehicle registration fees that the governor has signed into law. It affects motor vehicle renewals that are currently scheduled to take place between July 1, 2022, and June 30, 2023, so for an entire year Tennesseans have a moratorium on motorcycle and personal motor vehicle registration fees to the state (not any others).

It's part of Senate Bill 2491, which Governor Bill Lee officially signed into law on June 3, 2022, and the whole thing is a larger budget appropriations bill, but it includes what could be a helpful provision for a lot of road users tucked inside it, by putting some money back into the pockets of most vehicle owners.

The waived fees will be for Class-A vehicles, which include motorcycles, and Class-B vehicles, which include passenger motor vehicles and motor homes, but not for commercial vehicles or electrics

FUEL TRANSPARENCY

Responding to a Biden Administration announcement that the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) would temporarily lift summer restrictions on the sale of E15 gasoline to the public, fuel containing 15% ethanol, U.S. Representatives Austin Scott (R-GA) and Rep. Lois Frankel (D-FL) introduced the Consumer Protection and Fuel Transparency Act of 2022 (H.R. 7731).

Many consumers, specifically owners of motorcycles, ATVs and other small engine machines, are not aware that higher blends of ethanol can damage their engines and even void manufacturer's warranties, so H.R. 7731 would require more detailed labeling of gas pumps to warn about the harmful impacts of misfuelling.

Concerned riders are urged to contact their Congressional Representative by calling the U.S. Capital Switchboard at (202) 224-3121 and ask for their support and to cosponsor H.R. 7731.

IOWA ATV RIDERS NOW HAVE GREATER ACCESS TO STATE ROADS

Iowa recently changed their state's laws that previously restricted the use of some powersports vehicles on state roads, and as of July 1, 2022, ATV and UTV riders in Iowa now enjoy greater use and access for their rides throughout the Hawkeye State.

The new law was the result of a 2020 survey completed by ATV and UTV owners, asking them which Iowa laws restricting off-road riding that they wanted to see changed. Riders wanted to be able to ride on more county and state roadways in order to connect trailheads, and they wanted the opportunity to ride in all 99 Iowa counties.

These changes don't give off-roaders unfettered use of the roadways, however, as vehicles are limited to 35 mph, must behave like other traffic, have operational headlights, taillights, and brake lights, a horn, and rearview mirrors, and operators must be 18 or older and possess a valid license and insurance

Riders also must take the most direct route to and from ATV parks and their home, with limited access to state two-lane and county highways day or night but are still not allowed on state four-lane or interstate highways.

NEW YORK GETS TOUGH ON NON-LEGAL ROAD BIKES

New York City officials bulldozed nearly a thousand non-road-legal motorcycles, dirt bikes and ATVs confiscated by the NYPD, as the city and police force sought to remind citizens of the importance of abiding by the law.

Over 900 bikes and ATVs were crushed and flattened during a public bulldozing demonstration, making the statement that the seizure of unlawfully operated bikes on the street is "part of a public safety push by new NYC Mayor Eric Adams..." noting that [illegal motorcycles, dirt bikes and ATVs] are not only a nuisance and an annoyance to us, but they are extremely dangerous..."

The push to act follows undeniable statistics; apparently over 2000 vehicles have been seized in 2022, making up a nearly 80% increase in seizures compared to the number of bikes taken by the law in 2021.

"We see them all the time, we hear them all the time at night. We see the large numbers that are moving throughout our streets, and we want to be clear that this is not acceptable," admonishes Mayor Adams, explaining that the reason for choosing destruction over sourcing or selling the machines "...because it keeps them off the street permanently."

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NCOM CONVENTION ROCKS NASHVILLE

Hundreds of bikers' rights activists from across America rumbled into 'Music City USA' to rock the country capital with the sounds of motorcycles and two-wheel politics, as the National Coalition of Motorcyclists hosted their 37th annual NCOM Convention, June 17-19 in Nashville, Tennessee!

Rising to the call for action on numerous topics of concern to all riders, concerned advocates from the ranks of Motorcycle Rights Organizations (MROs), clubs (Confederations of Clubs) and independent riders gathered to learn and share for the betterment of biking.

Agenda items dealt with legal and legislative issues, with special emphasis on telematics and the electrification of the vehicle fleet, protecting your digital data, and your personal Privacy.

Special Meetings were conducted for Women in Motorcycling, a Clean & Sober Roundtable, an AIM Attorney Conference, as well as the Christian Unity Conference and Confederation of Clubs Patch Holders Meeting.

NCOM board member Ed Schetter, a veteran of the auto industry and Executive Director of ABATE of Ohio, presented a "We Just Want Our Place on the Road and Safe Fuel" seminar detailing the impending advance of driverless cars and imminent demise (?) of internal combustion engines (ICE), relating the impact on the motorcycling community and our lifestyle.

Medical trainer EMT Dick "Slider" Gilmore expanded his First Responder and Golden Hour repertoire to include a new "Save A Biker's Life" presentation focusing not only on the health implications of diabetes in general, but also on special considerations specifically for riders, and was well attended and informative as always.

Slider's blood- and Sons of Silence M/C club-brother "Chopper" Gilmore was later honored during the Silver Spoke Awards Banquet with the Christian Unity award for his ministerial work. Other Silver Spoke Award recipients were: singer/songwriter David Allen Coe for Entertainment; Tommy Simpson of the Outlaws M/C and CMT/ABATE of Tennessee receiving the Freedom Fighter award; and NCOM's highest honor, the Ron Roloff Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Florida AIM Attorney Jerry "T" Theophilopoulos largely for his legal work with the clubs, COCs and ABATE of Florida.

Following the feast and festivities, and a lively auction to benefit the 'Freedom Fund,' NCOM Board Chairman James "Doc" Reichenbach, President of ABATE of Florida, adjourned the 2022 NCOM Convention with the announcement that next year's Convention is scheduled for Father's Day weekend, June 16-18, 2023, in Phoenix, Arizona, so check back at www.ON-A-BIKE.com for further details as they are announced.

WELCOME TO NCOM – United we Ride, Divided we Drive!

The National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) proudly welcomes the following motorcycle organizations approved by the NCOM Board of Directors 07/17/22 at the NCOM Convention in Nashville as our newest NCOM Member Groups, joining in unity with over 2,000 other motorcycle rights organizations, rider groups, clubs and associations from nearly every state and Canadian Province:

- ~ Bikers Rights Organization (CA)
- ~ ABATE of Florida Safety & Education Inc.
- ~ Wyoming Confederation of Clubs

NCOM serves as a nationwide umbrella organization that provides legislative assistance, information network and legal resources; and also reaches out to various segments of the motorcycle community such as Christian Motorcycling, women riders, sport bikers, independent motorcycle shops, touring associations, clean & sober groups, and veterans – helping to form coalitions and foster cooperation between all segments of motorcycle riders.

Also, the NCOM Board of Directors wishes to welcome Robert Petty of the Modified Motorcycle Association (MMA) of California and BRO, as co-director of NCOM Region I: (AK, CA, HI, ID, OR & Wa



MRF State Rep Report

"All the adversity I've had in my life, all my troubles and obstacles, have strengthened me... You may not realize it when it happens, but a kick in the teeth may be the best thing in the world for you."

- Walt Disney

Have you already made your plans to attend this year's Meeting of the Minds in Des Moines? If not, the deadline for early registration rates is coming up all too soon. This is the best place to learn about the troubles and obstacles that we are facing as motorcyclists, and what actions the MRF, CMT/ABATE and YOU, can take to address those adversities. Make your plans today.

In our organization, our biggest headaches can become our strongest asset. CMT/ABATE, and other ABATE-organizations around the country, grew out of increasingly restrictive legislation being enacted against motorcyclists. The more they pushed helmet laws, equipment restrictions, or bike bans, the larger and stronger the motorcyclists' rights movement became. That strength resulted in many legislative victories, both here in Tennessee and across the USA. But we have had our share of disappointments as well. One loss that stands out is our failure to repeal or modify Tennessee's helmet law. Let's use this as the "kick in the teeth" that we need to redouble our efforts, and finally reclaim our right to...

...Ride Free,

-- Ed

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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.



AMA News & Notes

National and Regional News

American Motorcyclist Association

> The Governors Highway Safety Association and General Motors have released a new report with a singular goal: Change the social norm around distracted driving to make it completely unacceptable, so all road users get home safely. The report, which is one of the most comprehensive examinations to date of how to reduce driver distraction, examines the extent of the problem and provides more than two dozen recommendations to help State Highway Safety Offices (SHSO) and their partners combat this deadly driving behavior.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, an estimated 3,142 people died in distraction-related crashes in the U.S. in 2020, the most current year for which data is available. Another estimated 400,000 people are injured each year in distracted driving crashes. However, the true numbers are likely much higher due to underreporting. The most visible form of driver distraction is the use of electronic devices, but distracted driving can take many forms, including grooming, eating, and even daydreaming.

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MRF State Rep Report

House Motorcycle Caucus Grows by 39%!

June 16, 2022

It's been one month since the Motorcycle Riders Foundation's Bikers Inside the Beltway event and our efforts are paying off.

An updated membership list of the House Motorcycle Caucus was released last week, and it shows substantial growth in the month since riders came to Capitol Hill. 11 new members joined the organization which previously had 28 members. The nearly 40% increase is a direct result of outreach by MRF members!

The caucus hosts educational seminars and press events that shine a light on the issues facing the motorcycle community. It's also a great way for riders to know which lawmakers are true allies. The Senate has a similar caucus, and we hope to see growth with that group when its roster is updated.

Below is a list of the 11 new members of the House Motorcycle Caucus:

Rep. Axne (Iowa)
 Rep. Brooks (Alabama)
 Rep. Brownley (California)
 Rep. Budd (North Carolina)
 Rep. Rodney Davis (Illinois)
 Rep. Norman (South Carolina)
 Rep. Obernolte (California)
 Rep. Pappas (New Hampshire)
 Rep. Scott Peters (California)
 Rep. Stevens (Michigan)
 Rep. Wild (Pennsylvania)

Additionally, the House profiling resolution (H. Res 366) passed the 100-cosponsor mark last week as 10 new lawmakers signed on since Bikers Inside the Beltway. Passing the 100 mark is a great benchmark that helps show Congressional leadership that the issue of profiling is a concern to lawmakers. A special shout out to the riders from Kansas who added three new members and now have all four Representatives from their state as cosponsors.

Below is a list of the 10 new H. Res 366 cosponsors:

Rep. Banks (Indiana)
 Rep. Davids (Kanas)
 Rep. Dean (Pennsylvania)
 Rep. Estes (Kansas)
 Rep. Hinson (Iowa)
 Rep. LaTurner (Kansas)
 Rep. Kustoff (Tennessee)
 Rep. Obernolte (California)
 Rep. Ryan (Ohio)
 Rep. Titus (Nevada)

Thank you to those that help impact these numbers and thank you to all the riders who came to D.C. last month.

Keep your eyes peeled for upcoming calls to action on our legislative priorities. Answering calls to action is the easiest way to have your voice be heard in our nation's capital.

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Robertson County, Charter July 2022 Meeting Minutes
Shorty from the Nashville Local Charter visited our meeting. We discussed the upcoming Southern Thunder Rally and decided to ask the members of the Sumner Local Charter and the Music City Local Charter to meet us at Red River Canoe so we could all understand what repairs were needed prior to the event. Johann stated that he gave Dickson-Humphreys a pack of twenty-four (24) tickets, and he brought a pack of twenty-four (24) tickets to the Robertson meeting. Let's sell some tickets folks!

Best Regards,
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New Members

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FREEDOM PLUS RESPONSIBILITY CREATES LIBERTY Musings of Carol A Simpson, American "senior" Citizen "Granny Carol"
*To have a better understanding of the basis of this writing, it is suggested that you read the Preamble of the Constitution, the First Article of the Constitution, and the Declaration of Independence, as well as any writings of your preferred Higher Power that apply to Freedom and Liberty. I am very weary of hearing people demanding their FREEDOM. The only freedoms guaranteed in the Constitution are in Article 1. Freedom of religion, expression, assembly, and the right to petition for redress of grievances. Back in my younger years, there was a very popular song by Janis Joplin, Bobby McGee. The phrase that burns in my brain is "freedom is just another word for nuthin' left to lose". Exactly. You may have guarantees of Freedom, but if you do Nuthin' to guarantee you LIBERTY, there IS nuthin' left to lose. One must apply Responsibility to Freedom to realize LIBERTY. The Preamble of the Constitution states: "in order to SECURE the Blessings of Liberty" we must DO things to secure Liberty. The government, your Higher Power and centuries of brave fighting men and women have provided us with Freedom. We cannot enjoy those freedoms without applying our own personal Responsibility. We the People, MUST add Responsibility to Freedom to achieve our Liberty. Please share this concept as it applies to your Life with all in your Circle of Life, young, old, relatives, friends and acquaintances. Realizing this concept seems to be the only way to preserve our country and the lifestyles we have =, evidently, taken for granted. Looking forward to talking to many about their reaction to this article. Respectfully submitted, July 24, 2022 Carol A Simpson csfreedom@aol.com. (phone calls on request



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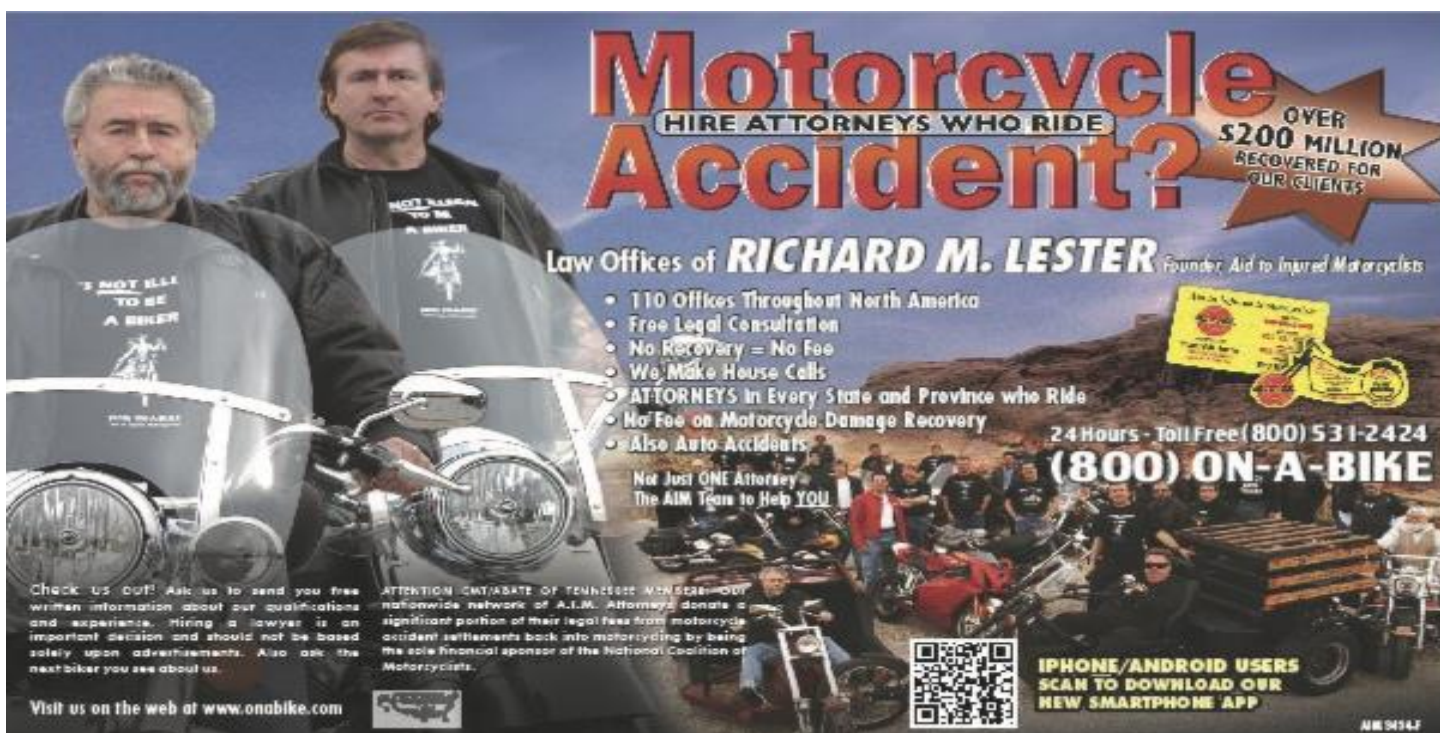
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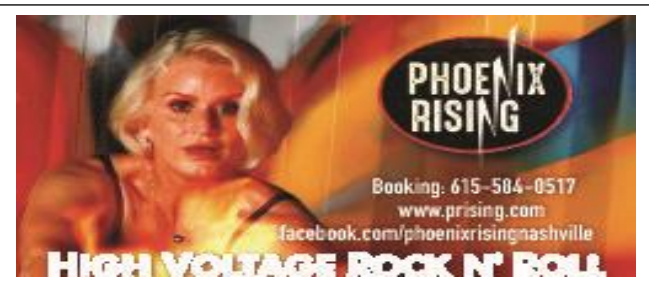
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Despite the proven risks, distracted driving remains widespread on U.S. roads. A 2021 survey by AAA found that more than half of drivers (51%) admitted they text and/or email on their phone while alone in the vehicle. Multiple national and state surveys indicate that distracted driving is a top road safety concern, but observational studies find that wireless device use behind the wheel is commonplace.

The new 50-page report, Directing Drivers' Attention: A State Highway Safety Office Roadmap for Combating Distracted Driving, examines data shortcomings and other obstacles impacting efforts to reduce distracted driving, and reviews SHSO initiatives and the challenges impacting those efforts. The report outlines 29 recommendations for the SHSOs that cover a wide range of factors that affect distracted driving, including state laws, data collection, education and public outreach, enforcement, infrastructure, safety funding sources, partnerships, and leadership.

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Distracted driving and the recommendations in the new report will be the focus of a general session expert panel discussion at the GHSA 2022 Annual Meeting in Louisville, Ky. on Sept. 17-21.

> **The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is expanding its probe into 830,000 Tesla vehicles with its advanced driver assistance system Autopilot, a required step before it could seek a recall.** The auto safety agency previously opened a preliminary evaluation to assess the performance of the system in 765,000 vehicles after about a dozen crashes in which Tesla vehicles struck stopped emergency vehicles - and said it had identified six additional crashes.

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NHTSA is upgrading its probe to an engineering analysis, which it must do before demanding a recall if deemed necessary. The auto safety regulator is reviewing whether Tesla vehicles adequately ensure drivers are paying attention. The agency added evidence suggested drivers in most crashes under review had complied with Tesla's alert strategy that seeks to compel driver attention, raising questions about its effectiveness.

In 2020, the National Transportation Safety Board criticized Tesla's "ineffective monitoring of driver engagement" after a 2018 fatal Autopilot crash and said NHTSA had provided "scant oversight." NHTSA said the upgrade is "to extend the existing crash analysis, evaluate additional data sets, perform vehicle evaluations, and to explore the degree to which Autopilot and associated Tesla systems may exacerbate human factors or behavioral safety risks by undermining the effectiveness of the driver's supervision."

Tesla, which has disbanded its press offices, did not respond to a request for comment.

Consumer Education on Ethanol H.R. 7731 Call-To-Action

July 13, 2022

In May, President Biden announced the Environmental Protection Agency would temporarily lift the summer restrictions on the sale of gasoline with 15% ethanol (E15). In response Representative Austin Scott (R-GA) and Representative Lois Frankel (D-FL) introduced the Consumer Protection and Fuel Transparency Act of 2022 (H.R. 7731).

H.R. 7731 requires more detailed labeling of gas pumps that dispense E15 fuel. Clearer labeling of E15 at the pump will warn consumers about the harmful impacts of misfuelling so consumers can better protect their engines.

Unfortunately, most consumers are not aware that these fuel blends may be causing damage to their vehicle. A recent survey found 3 in 5 consumers mistakenly believe that E15 is safe for use in all their products. Motorcycles, boats, pre-2001 model year vehicles, and outdoor power equipment are especially at risk to E15 blends.

Please [click here](#) to help us tell your Representative that consumer education on E15 is needed and ask them to cosponsor H.R. 7731.

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NO MORE LICENSES REQUIRED FOR THREE-WHEELERS IN UTAH

The transportation and technology communities have been talking about autocycles for a few years now, with several states attempting to classify the strange new three-wheel vehicles that are not quite car but not a motorcycle, creating difficulties for riders and confusion at license bureaus.

Following much lobbying by autocycle manufacturers such as Polaris, many states no longer require operators to acquire a motorcycle endorsement on their license, such as in Utah, but like others their state defined an autocycle as having "a steering wheel."

That's about to change with House Bill 391, which Governor Spencer Cox signed into law, tweaking the definition of an autocycle just enough that Utahns won't need a motorcycle license at all to drive an "autocycle," steering wheel or not.

Rep. (Kay) Christofferson (R-Lehi), co-sponsor of HB391, explained that all the bill does is adjust the state's definition of an autocycle from having "a steering wheel" to a "steering mechanism" and tacks on a provision regarding seat belts. So, the state's new definition says an autocycle is a vehicle "designed to travel with three or fewer wheels in contact with the ground; and is equipped with a steering mechanism, seat belts and seating that does not require the operator to straddle or sit astride the motor."

But that small amendment to the law is all that was needed to make some autocycles (with handlebars) more accessible to Utah riders without a special permit. Proponents also point out that because of autonomous vehicles, steering wheels are becoming obsolete, so passing HB 391 puts Utah ahead of the curve.



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