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FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL: 1189

PRINTER'S NO: 2072

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FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY	FY 2008/09	FY 2009/10
Expenditure Increase/(Decrease):		
Motorcycle Safety Education Account ¹	\$0	\$0

¹A restricted receipts account within the Motor License Fund.

OVERVIEW:

This bill amends §7911 of Title 75 (Vehicles), Pa.C.S., to provide exemption of civil liability from the owner of land who authorizes the use of his land for a Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) approved motorcycle safety education program.

Section 7911 charges PennDOT to establish a motorcycle safety program throughout the Commonwealth. Section 7905 creates the Motorcycle Safety Education Account as a restricted receipts account within the Motor License Fund to fund the program. Section 7904 establishes a \$5 fee for this purpose, charged in addition to other fees, on each (1) original motorcycle operator's license, (2) annual renewal of a motorcycle operator's license, (3) motorcycle operator learner's permit, and (4) replacement of motorcycle operator's license.

The 2009-10 Governor's Executive Budget book estimates \$5.5 million will be spent by PennDOT on motorcycle safety education for FY 2009/10, which is also the estimated expense for the current fiscal year (2008/09). The total expended for FY 2007/08 was \$3.6 million and for FY 2006/07, \$4.4 million.

The effective date is sixty days.

ANALYSIS:

This bill provides liability protection to owners of land who allow a PennDOT-approved motorcycle safety education course to be conducted on their land. It does not impact administrative costs to PennDOT or revenue to Motorcycle Safety Education Account.

The Department of Transportation was consulted in the preparation of this fiscal note.

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