

TO: Members of the House of Representatives
FROM: Rep Harry Readshaw
DATE: February 19, 2012
RE: May designated as "Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month" in PA

I will be introducing a resolution that would designate the month of May 2012 as "Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

There are more than 388,923 registered motorcycles and more than 828,000 registered drivers (Class M) on Pennsylvania's highways. Especially during these economic times, the number of motorcyclists will increase. These drivers are required to obey the laws relating to operator safety and equipment, keeping their bikes inspected.

The Department of Transportation reports that 3,756 motorcycle accidents occurred in the Commonwealth in 2009, a decrease of 10.9% from 2008. There were 204 fatalities (helmets were worn in 98 of those motorcycle fatalities), a decrease of 15.6% from 2009. Of the 204 deaths, 184 were the drivers and 20 were passengers.

Despite inevitable incidents, motorcycle operators continue to promote highway safety and encourage other motor vehicle operators to recognize and participate in motorcycle safety training.

Please join me in sponsoring this legislation to designate the month of May 2012 as "Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania. If you wish to cosponsor this legislation, please contact Margaret Tricarico at mtricari@pahouse.net or 717-772-5568 (Democratic Caucus Ext. 6168).

Thank you.

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