

Daytona Beach Legislative Report June 9, 2010

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What Happened in Tallahassee?

No Cell Phone restrictions. The Senate did pass two bills; one that only addresses texting, the other would restrict drivers under 18. However, both bills died in messages when sent to the House

Red Light Cameras are now allowed for local government for revenue, only if they comply with FDOT specifications. Apparently none of our legislators read the staff reports about a reduction of one type of accident and an increase in rear end collisions.

Road Rage bills did not make it. The bills were poorly written and fails to deal with the impatient and inconsiderate drivers are the aggressors.

Vertical license plates are still a non-moving violation unless you have a toll road transponder. Actual language puts it back into the statute with the \$1000 fine so that has to be looked into. That actual statute also deals with mopeds, which are not allowed on toll roads. I will look into the actual statutes when this becomes effective, probably July.

Antique bikes get a break in fees.

Tattoo shop will come under Dept. of Health and temporary vendors will have restrictions.

We asked our sponsor of the **stiffer penalties bill** to withdraw it because of floor amendments. Legislators passed the street racing bill that has fines \$1000-\$5000 fines but still cannot get tough on those who cannot drive and kill us. The street racing bill moved rather quickly.

The Senate does not want you to be able to **take your first grader anywhere on your bike**; the House did not get a chance to vote on that issue.

Our lobbyist, Doc Reichenbach, was able to derail a rip-off motorcycle specialty plate and tried to secure funding for Motorcycle Safety and Awareness.

Elections

Candidates will soon be campaigning. July 4th celebrations are a favorite. Ask them how they feel about the current Florida Helmet Law. If they are negative, tell them that the fatality per accident and injury to accident ratios between helmeted and non-helmeted motorcyclists are very close. That helmet is not making much of a difference. ABATE can supply the Florida DHSMV statistics that support this statement. Also, a lot more helmeted motorcyclists are involved in accidents. Why? It is probably several reasons: a lot of motorcyclists wear helmets, especially the sport bike riders. Helmets can reduce peripheral vision and are fatiguing.

We need to support some lesser known candidates in the primaries and pack the races with candidates friendly to motorcyclists. Consider switching to Republican Party, if you live in Florida House District 26, to vote for Nathan McDonnell. Otherwise you might not get much of a choice in November. Go online, www.Volusia.org and go to elections. Fill out a secured form print it out mail it in. It must be done 29 days before the primaries in August. Be sure to vote in August. Some non-partisan races, like judges, will be voted on. If someone gets 51%, then it is decided there.

2010 General Elections Candidates

US Senator Glenn Burkett DEM, Charlie Crist REP, William Escoffery REP, Maurice Ferre DEM, Jeff Green DEM, William Kogut REP, Kendrick Meek DEM, Marco Rubio REP, Marion Thorpe REP

Marco Rubio, Charlie Crist, Kendrick Meek Support ABATE.

US Representative District 3 Dean Black REP, Corrine Brown DEM, Scott Fortune DEM, Chris Nwasike RE REP, Mike Yost REP

US Representative District 7 John Mica REP incumbent, Heather Maureen Beaven DEM

US Representative District 24 Currently held by Sandy Adams REP, Karen Diebel REP, Tom Garcia REP, Suzanne Kosmas DEM incumbent, Deon Long REP, Paul Partyka DEM.

Governor Joe Allen DEM, Michael Arth DEM, Tim Devine REP, Ed Heeney REP, Phillip Kennedy DEM, Farid Khavari DEM, Tony Knox DEM, Josue Larose REP, Bill McCollum REP, Darrin McGillis DEM, Alex Sink DEM, James VanDriessche REP,

Attorney General Dave Aronberg DEM, Holly Benson REP, Pam Bondi REP, Dan Gelber DEM, Jeff Kottkamp REP, Jim Lewis REP. **Dave Aronberg** use to work in a district state attorney office. This is not a career politician move. He wants this job and is a BIG ABATE supporter and sponsor of our current stiffer penalty bill.

Florida Chief Financial Officer Jeff Atwater REP, Loranne Ausley DEM, Joshua Larose DEM, Ken Mazzie DEM, Pat Patterson REP. Representative Patterson is not a motorcyclist supporter. Pat Patterson tried to get a freshman legislator to sponsor a mandatory helmet bill this session. **Jeff Atwater supports ABATE**

Commissioner of Agriculture Carey Baker Rep, Thaddeus Hamilton Dem, Randy Hatch Dem, Scott Maddox Dem, Rick Minton Jr. Dem, Adam Putnam Rep. **Carey Baker & Adam Putnam support ABATE.**

Florida Senate 20 Eunice Garbutt DEM, Michael Bakick REP, Alan Hays REP .

Florida Senate District 8 John Thrasher REP, Aaron Bean REP, Charles Perniciaro REP.

Florida Representative District 21 Charles Van Zant REP Incumbent, Linda Myers DEM.

Florida Representative District 26 Vince Champion REP, Fred Costello REP, Timothy Huth DEM, Nathan McDonell REP

Fred Costello is currently mayor of Ormond Beach. George, who rides a shovelhead, likes Nathan McDonell.

McDonell is Biker friendly.

Florida Representative District 27 Dwayne Taylor DEM incumbent Rep Taylor did sponsor a cell phone restriction bill in 2009 and his staff was very gracious when we visited Tallahassee

Florida Representative District 28 Dorothy Hukill REP incumbent, Theresa Valdes REP

Volusia County Council At Large Eddie Colosoimo, (This is Crazy Eddie of BFFAR), Mary Martin, Joyce Cusack, Margie Patchett

Joyce Cusack was a State Representative and sympathetic to us. Her staff was always very gracious when we went to Tallahassee. There was a must pass massive DHSMV bill she initially voted against because we had some problems with one of the parts and spoke about it in Tallahassee. Joyce Cusack understands the working person and knows that good ideas do not always get written as good bills.

District 1 Dwight Lewis, Andy Kelly . Dwight Lewis was friendly towards motorcyclists

District 3 Deborah Denys, William Benedict, George Trovato, Ellen Darden, Roger Gray

District 5 Alison Curtiss, Patricia Northey, James France

November 2, 2010 City of Ormond Beach Municipal Election

We need to start identifying motorcyclist friendly candidates for the city councils.

Zone 3 Ormond Beach. Rick Boehm, Kathryn Weston, Mike Scudiero. Mike Scudiero was an aide for Rep. Patterson. Despite letters and phone messages, when we went to Tallahassee, Session 2008, we were immediately told that he was very busy. This was after we waited outside of his office while he talked on the phone for over 10 minutes about an aide seer sucker suit social gathering. Mike Rotton was with me. Ask him.

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Washington Update

FHWA MOTORCYCLE ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) recently convened its Motorcycle Advisory Council (MAC) to discuss motorcycles and how they relate to the country's transportation infrastructure, and make recommendations to the U.S. Secretary of Transportation. The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) is a member of the MAC and attends all council meetings. In addition to council members, the MAC invites specialists from the government, industry and universities, with the goal of reducing motorcycle crashes and injuries to motorcyclists. They carefully consider the small road signature of motorcycles and the how they interact with the roads, bridges and barriers of this country. This was the 8th time the council has met over 4

years. The feds announced that will be doing two "scans" of motorcycle safety to observe best practices and identify alternative solutions for smooth interaction between motorcycles and infrastructure. They will conduct a domestic scan to study programs throughout the U.S., and will also travel to Europe and Australia for an international scan. The MRF was invited to participate in the international scan, as well as to help craft amplifying questions for international partners in that scan. The sole focus of the scans is improving U.S. infrastructure for motorcyclists. Much of the discussion at this meeting was focused on how to get the message of the MAC into the right hands across the states. In an earlier meeting of the MAC, a brochure was developed with the mindset that it would provide key recommendations of the MAC to state highway developers. The information is fantastic, but the brochure was met with little fan fare. Oftentimes safety documents are lengthy and dull, and don't get the attention they deserve. So the goal of this group is to not only create something that will get into the right hands, but will also get their attention. Many ideas were discussed, from video public service announcements to boiling down all current motorcycle safety documents into one simple, bullet-point document.

MOTORCYCLE VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED NUMBERS IMPROVE

For years and for good reason, the MRF has been crying foul regarding the motorcycle vehicle miles traveled (VMT) numbers collected and published by the federal government. One of many glaring examples was that for several years, it was reported that the state of South Dakota, home of the Sturgis motorcycle rally, had zero annual motorcycle VMT. In fact, before the MRF got involved in this issue, motorcycle VMT numbers were optional for the states to report. We at the MRF realize the need for solid VMT numbers to get an accurate view of the country's safety situation. The motorcycle industry gathers its own VMT numbers, and they are always at least double what the feds bring to the table. It's refreshing to see the feds act on the MRF's demands and at least attempt to improve the accuracy of the motorcycle VMT numbers gathered. They are now going to code the numbers using geographic information system mapping software that will compare travel on types of roads (from highways to rural roads), as well as breaking out the numbers by vehicle types. This does not mean the numbers will be completely trustworthy, but they are headed in the right direction.

TRAVELER OPINION AND PARTICIPATION SURVEY

The feds also announced that they will be doing a Traveler Opinion and Participation Survey (TOPS) during the summer of 2012. They will survey a random sampling of adult Americans over the phone to gauge how the general public feels about the roads they use, the traffic they sit in, the purpose of travel and so on. As a direct result of the MAC's recommendation to the U.S. Secretary of Transportation, the survey will, for the first time, include questions about motorcycles. This was the last official meeting of the MAC under its current charter. The MRF is working with U.S. Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood, a past recipient of the MRF Champion Award, to extend the MAC's charter for another two years. This would be the 2nd extension of the original Congressionally-mandated charter.

To read more about the MAC or view the motorcycle safety brochure visit: <http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/mac/>

To read the TOPS findings from the last survey (2005) visit:

<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/reports/traveleropinions/1.htm>

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