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STATE MOTORCYCLE RIDER EDUCATION PROGRAMS – 2009

This chart provides information about rider education programs in states which have legislated programs. The Legislative Provisions section only includes major provisions included in each state's law as of December 2009. Many state laws have additional provisions. State agencies also may have adopted administrative rules, regulations or standards. It is necessary to refer to the actual laws and regulations for complete

program information. The Department of Defense has also adopted motorcycle safety guidelines, including requiring motorcycle rider training, for all four military services, as has the U.S. Coast Guard. Training is nationwide; please call (800) 446-9227 to locate a *RiderCourse*sm provider near you.

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Alabama	10% of money collected from \$7.00 fine assessed on traffic infraction convictions	For the sole purpose of conducting programs in traffic safety, motorcycle safety and boating safety.	No additional requirements.	Alabama Traffic Safety Center, University of Montevallo - August 8, 1987	\$175,000 (includes registration fees) <small>(2006 Information)</small>	699 <small>(2006 Information)</small>	\$250.00 (in-state); \$275.00 (out-of-state)
Arizona	Motorcycle registration - \$1.00	To implement and support voluntary motorcycle education awareness and other programs, including covering the cost of materials for motorcycle safety, education, and awareness programs. Up to 10% may be used for administrative costs.	Motorcycle license applicants under age 18 must complete DOT approved motorcycle driver education program or provide parental certification of completing at least 25 hours of supervised motorcycle riding practice, at least 5 of which are at night. Creates motorcycle safety advisory council (sunsets 6/30/16).	Department of Transportation - July 24, 1981	\$205,000	6,465 <small>(2004 Information)</small>	\$285.00
California	Motorcycle registration -\$2.00. Up to \$250,000/yr. from State Penalty Fund shall be available upon appropriation.	To fund programs established under the Motorcycle Safety Article and to defray related costs incurred.	Motorcycle safety program is established. CHP to monitor and evaluate, but not directly manage or provide program services. Services shall be under contractual agreement or grant funding. CHP, through agreements, shall adopt standards for course content, contact hours, curriculum, instructor training and testing, and instructional quality control, for premier motorcyclist safety training program. Motorcycle safety training courses offered under premier motorcyclist safety training program shall provide core curriculum approved for novice rider training course and additional course requirements established by CHP. DMV to approve written and driving tests used by programs. Riders under 21 must pass an approved course prior to licensing.	Department of California Highway Patrol - January 1, 1986	\$1,365,000	69,839 – Standard Program; 630 – Premier Program	\$150.00 (under 21); \$250.00 (21 and over)

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Colorado	Motorcycle endorsement - \$2.00; motorcycle registration - \$4.00	For the implementation and administration of the motorcycle operator safety training program. Administrative costs may not account for more than 15% of total program costs.	Program to include rider safety courses, alcohol and drug effects education and Instructor training. Courses open to residents with valid driver's license or permit. The OTS shall: set rider and Instructor course certification standards, as prescribed; contract with vendors to provide the program; designate program coordinator; adopt rules and regulations.	Office of Transportation Safety - July 1, 1990	\$680,000	10,000	\$190.00 - \$250.00
Connecticut	Motorcycle registration - \$4.00 (biennial renewal)	For purposes of continuing the program of motorcycle rider education formerly funded under 23 USC 402.	Riders under 18 must pass novice motorcycle training course conducted by DOT or by any firm or organization that conducts such a course that uses MSF curriculum or other safety or educational organization that has developed curriculum approved by commissioner. 10% insurance discount for graduates of novice or advanced course offered by DOT, applicable for 5 years. License skills test may be waived for course graduates.	Department of Transportation - July 1, 1982	\$220,000	5,500	\$200.00
Delaware	Motorcycle registration - \$4.00; initial motorcycle endorsement renewal - \$8.00	Only for administering motorcycle rider education program and for improved motorcycle licensing procedures. Remaining funds to be apportioned to teaching approved motorcycle rider education courses.	Must provide adequate courses to meet anticipated demand. Courses open to: residents with driver's license or eligible for motorcycle permit; military personnel. Course curricula to meet or exceed the MSF's <i>RiderCourse</i> sm . Written and skills test waived for course graduates. DPS to approve courses and tuition rates; adopt rules and regulations. Minimum Instructor requirements prescribed; MSF certification required. Riders under 18 must complete approved course prior to licensing. 3-year insurance discount for graduates who voluntarily attended course approved by Insurance Commissioner. 15-member advisory committee created.	Department of Transportation - July 1, 1985	\$154,000	2,014	\$50.00 (in-state); \$200.00 (out-of-state)
Florida	Motorcycle or moped registration - \$2.50	To fund the Motorcycle Safety Education Program or a motorcycle driver improvement program.	DHSMV to establish and administer course; prescribe curricula and Instructor qualifications. Curricula to include minimum of 12 hours of instruction, at least 6 hours hands-on. DHSMV to approve course provider. Registration fee may not exceed \$20 and must be refunded upon completion; tuition permitted. Every first-time applicant must complete course prior to licensing.	Department of Highway Safety & Motor Vehicles - October 1, 1987	\$1,335,104	38,500	\$245.00 (state average)
Georgia	Legislative appropriation	None provided.	Program coordinator to carry out the program, enforce DMVS rules and regulations. Instructor qualifications prescribed. Instructor training to be based on the MSF's Instructor Course or equivalent. Safety courses to be based on the MSF <i>RiderCourse</i> sm or equivalent. DMVS to issue course completion certificates.	Department of Driver Services - January 1, 1985	N/A	7,855	\$250.00
Hawaii	Insurer assessment - \$2.00/ yr. on each motorcycle insured	For the operation of a driver's education program for motorcycle or motor scooter operators.	15% insurance discount for graduates of DOT approved courses. Permit holders must take and pass a DOT approved course to maintain required liability insurance. License skill test may be waived for graduates of courses approved by the Director.	Department of Transportation - June 16, 1980	\$30,000	2,251 (Taught by DOT certified rider education instructors)	\$200.00
Idaho	Class A, B, C, D license - \$1.00; initial Motorcycle Safety Program plates - \$25; renewal Program plates - \$15; sample Program plates - \$20; motorcycle safety program fee - \$6.00/yr.	Only for administration and implementation of motorcycle safety program including reimbursement to course providers.	Program to include rider training courses, alcohol and drug effects awareness, rider improvement, program promotion, public awareness and other safety enhancement efforts. DOE to: establish standards, as prescribed; adopt rules; prepare public report annually, as prescribed. Program Coordinator to oversee and direct program. Course curriculum, Instructor training and approval standards to meet or exceed national standards. License skill test waived for course graduates. 5-member advisory committee created.	Division of Professional-Technical Education - September 1, 1994	\$963,996	2,417	\$75.00

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Illinois	27% of motorcycle registration fee (\$8.10); motorcycle/motor-driven cycle endorsement/renewal - \$5.00	Only for the expenses of DOT in administering Cycle Rider Safety Training Act, for funding contracts with approved Regional Training Centers for conducting courses, or for any purpose related or incident thereto.	State shall promote safety regarding use and operation of motorcycles, motor-driven cycles, and mopeds. DOT to award contracts to qualifying Regional Training Centers to conduct courses. DOT to establish rules for RTC locations, course curricula and accreditation. DOT and RTC to establish Instructor qualifications. Courses open to valid license holders 16 or over. No tuition charged; registration fee is refunded after course completion. Riders under 18 must successfully complete course to obtain license for motorcycles 150cc or larger.	Department of Transportation - January 1, 1982	\$3,456,000	14,917	Free
Indiana	Motorcycle registration - \$7.00	For administration and expenses of motorcycle operator safety education, including reimbursement for course sites, Instructor training, purchase of equipment and course materials and technical assistance.	Program to provide, at minimum, rider education and Instructor training; public awareness; licensing improvement. Coordinator to administer program and conduct annual evaluation. Training Specialist must be licensed motorcyclist and meet Chief Instructor standards; duties specified. Course standards to equal or exceed the MSF's. License skills test waived for course graduates. 5-member advisory committee created.	Department of Education - January 1, 1987	\$1,024,484	7,625	\$50.00
Iowa	Motorcycle license - \$2.00/yr. of validity; Rider education license plates & personalized plate fees - initial \$35; \$10/yr.	To establish new motorcycle rider education courses and reimburse sponsors for costs of providing courses approved and established by DOT. Distribution of money based on cost of providing courses.	Riders under 18 must pass a DOT approved or licensed course prior to licensing. DOT to adopt rules for distribution of funding. Tuition in public schools not to exceed actual cost minus state reimbursement.	Department of Transportation - July 1, 1982	\$304,065	4,274	\$115.00 - \$150.00
Kansas	20% of motorcycle license fee	Only for administration and for distribution among all public schools, accredited nonpublic schools, and community colleges that provide approved motorcycle safety courses; not for driver improvement programs. Distribution based on student completions.	May not require Instructors to be Board certified teachers. Annually in August, training providers must report to Board the number of student completions. Board to prescribe forms for reporting. Funds to be distributed by 11/1 each year. Community colleges may not make expenditures for motorcycle driver safety from their general fund.	Department of Education - September 1, 1982	\$90,000 (2007 Information)	2,971 (2007 Information)	\$180.00 - \$225.00
Kentucky	\$4.00 from each motorcycle registration, license and permit	To administer and implement the motorcycle safety education program, including reimbursement of entities offering approved courses. Administrative costs shall not be deducted from fund.	Program to include Instructor training and approval, and novice rider training course throughout state. Course open to all residents with driver's license or eligible for motorcycle permit. Cabinet to set regulations for the program administration and standards, as prescribed. Standards to meet or exceed the MSF's. Novice course to include at least 8 hours hands-on instruction. Completion certificates issued. Instructor qualification prescribed; must have current valid MSF certification. Cabinet to review Instructor status annually. Cabinet must file public report annually & monthly report on expenditures, as prescribed. Program provided free for students under age 18. Establishes Motorcycle Safety Education Advisory Commission.	Justice Cabinet - July 15, 1992	\$483,600	4,720	\$150.00 (capped)
Louisiana	Motorcycle license - \$5.00	For motorcycle safety and awareness programs, operator training and Instructor training. Authorizes purchase or lease of equipment, training aids, devices and related materials.	Program to include: statewide rider and law enforcement personnel training; Instructor certification; campaigns to promote participation, motorcycle safety and awareness. DOE to adopt regulations to implement program with oversight by Legislature. Course open to persons eligible for motorcycle license. Maximum tuition \$25; no charge for law enforcement personnel. License skills test waived for course graduates.	Department of Public Safety and Corrections - July 6, 1987	\$250,000	1,500	\$25.00

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Maine	Motorcycle registration - \$2.00	Motorcycle rider education program.	Program to be 8 hours of instruction related to actual operation emphasizing safety measures and skillful operation. Program may include instruction and training on a range. Secretary to: approve programs; establish standards for, train and certify Instructors. Certified Instructors to issue completion certificates. Program completion required to receive learner's permit or license; must pass skills test within 2 years. Skills and written test may be waived for successful completion of MRC:RSS or other hands-on motorcycle rider course approved by the Secretary of State. Establishes annual fees: Instructor certification, \$100; classroom or range inspection, \$50.	Secretary of State - March 1, 1987	\$100,000	2,552 – BRC; 5,322 – Maine classroom only program (MMSEC)	\$270.00 for BRC (average); \$70.00 for Maine classroom only program (MMSEC)
Maryland	Appropriation from Miscellaneous Fees Accounts	Motorcycle rider training program and public awareness effort.	MVA to promote safety, provide access to courses, maintain sufficient staff to implement program, and establish regulations as prescribed, to implement courses. Program shall improve safety through training courses and provide public awareness. Program Coordinator to organize and administer program; must have motorcycle safety experience. Anyone with driver's license or permit or eligible for motorcycle permit may enroll. Riders under 18 must pass course prior to licensing. Written and skills test may be waived for course graduates.	Motor Vehicle Administration, Department of Transportation - July 1, 1983	\$707,981	9,063	\$175.00 (MVA operated training centers); \$249.00 - \$350.00 (independent training centers)
Massachusetts	Motorcycle registration - \$2.00	Fund MSF-approved rider education courses and Instructor training, as well as public awareness efforts.	Motorcycle safety program shall be administered by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles. Course graduates eligible for a limited 10% insurance discount. Registry of Motor Vehicles exempts eligible course graduates from motorcycle license road test and \$20 application fee. Those who twice fail the RMV's road test must successfully complete approved course.	Registrar of Motor Vehicles - April 7, 1987	\$252,607	9,309	\$209.00 – \$389.00
Michigan	Original motorcycle endorsement - \$10.00; renewal - \$3.00; motorcycle registration - \$3.00	To provide grants to colleges, universities, intermediate & local school districts, law enforcement agencies, or other governmental agencies to help subsidize motorcycle safety training courses & may be used by department of state for administration costs of motorcycle safety education program, including, but not limited to, review and approval or disapproval of grant applications, monitoring eligibility of instructors, conducting program evaluation, certifying third-party testers, and inspecting training sites.	Secretary of State to establish rules, as prescribed. State coordinator must be a Chief Instructor course graduate. Chief Instructor course graduate must annually inspect course sites. Tuition for courses conducted by government agencies limited to \$25. Riders under 18 or who have failed skills test twice must pass a course prior to licensing. License skills test waived for course graduates.	Secretary of State - January 1, 1984	\$1,400,000	15,421	\$25.00
Minnesota	Initial motorcycle license - \$11.00; motorcycle license renewal; \$7.00	To fund motorcycle safety education program. Limits on expenditures; not more than: 1) 65% of fund for reimbursing approved training providers and training and coordinating Instructors; 2) 5% for administration. Reimbursement for approved courses limited to 50% of actual cost.	Program to include, at minimum, Instructor training and coordination, motorcycle safety promotion and public information, reimbursements for the cost of providing approved courses. Riders under 18 must pass an approved motorcycle safety course.	Department of Public Safety - July 1, 1982	\$900,000	9,543	\$160.00
Missouri	Court costs assessed for violation of any criminal or traffic law including infractions - \$1.00; motorcycle instruction permit - \$2.75	To fund the motorcycle safety education program.	DPS to establish program standards and rules. Program to include, at a minimum, rider training and Instructor training courses. Training and Instructor qualification standards shall meet or exceed the MSF's. DPS to issue completion certificates; successful completion must also be indicated on driver's license. License skills test waived for course graduates. 7-member advisory committee created.	MDOT/Division of Highway Safety - August 28, 1995	\$400,000	4,426	\$195.00 (average; sites set tuition up to \$215.00 cap)

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Montana	Motorcycle (1-time) registration - \$16.00; special motorcycle license plate - \$5.00; motorcycle license endorsement - 63.46% of \$4.00 (8-yr. renewal)	Only to support motorcycle safety training courses, instructor training and related training activities. Course facility construction, repair or purchase may be funded.	Board of Regents to: establish course standards; approve courses; distribute funds; periodically monitor courses; establish Instructor standards based on the MSF's or similar organization; approve Instructors; promote public and private courses; and authorize unit of University system to conduct courses. 5-member advisory committee created.	Board of Regents - July 1, 1990	\$400,000	1,500	\$150.00
Nebraska	Motorcycle registration - \$3.00; motorcycle license - \$3.50	To fund motorcycle safety education including administration expenses. Funding priorities: 1) reimburse basic course costs; 2) Chief Instructor training; 3) Instructor training; 4) site preparation for basic course; 5) reimburse advanced course costs; 6) promotional materials. Specifies guidelines for reimbursement priorities.	DMV to adopt regulations and establish minimum requirements for courses, instructors, chief instructors and training as prescribed. Basic course required to include at least 6 hours classroom, 8 hours laboratory/driving; advanced course to include at least 6 hours classroom/lab/driving combined. DMV to approve courses. DMV to issue 3-year permits for instructors, chief instructors; fee \$5.00. License skills and written test waived for course graduates.	Office of Highway Safety, Department of Motor Vehicles - August 15, 1981	\$204,588	2,284	\$197.00 (average)
Nevada	Motorcycle registration - \$6.00	Only for expenses of the program for education of motorcycle riders, including reimbursement for Instructors.	Director to establish and adopt regulations for program, appoint administrator, consult with advisory committee, approve courses, establish Instructor standards, as prescribed. Instructors to be certified by national organization. Course must meet or exceed standards of nationally recognized organizations and include alcohol and drug education and a minimum of 8 hours hands-on training for novices, 4 hours for experienced riders. Residents with motorcycle license or eligible for motorcycle license may enroll. Director to set tuition; maximum \$100.00. 5-member advisory board created; must submit public program report biennially, as prescribed. DMV may approve a motorcycle safety course as an alternative DMV license exam.	Department of Public Safety - July 1, 1991	\$394,000	5,570	\$100.00
New Hampshire	Motorcycle registration - \$1.00; motorcycle learner's permit, license or endorsement, license renewal - \$5.00	Only for administration of motorcycle rider education program and expenses relating to program, including, but not limited to, instructor training, licensing improvement, alcohol and drug education, public awareness, driver improvement program for motorcyclists, technical assistance, program promotion, and other motorcycle safety programs and for reimbursement of organizations with course sites.	Director shall establish standards for and shall administer program. Standards to be based on rider education advisory committee recommendations including, but not limited to, standards for a nationally accepted and state-approved rider training course. Program coordinator to set program and funding guidelines; conduct annual evaluation. Specifies minimum Instructor qualifications; must have current state or MSF certification. Courses open to residents with current valid driver's license or eligible for motorcycle learner's permit. Out-of-state residents may take course only if adequate number of courses has been provided for NH residents. Adequate courses must be provided to meet anticipated demand. Director may enter into contracts with public or private institutions for technical assistance in conducting courses. Organization conducting course may charge reasonable tuition fee; director to set maximum tuition for private providers. License skills test may be waived for course graduates. Applicant who fails to pass motorcycle driver exam twice must successfully complete course. Learner's permit applicant may show successful completion of course in lieu of passing knowledge test. 5-member advisory committee created. Commissioner must submit public report annually, as prescribed.	Division of Motor Vehicles, Department of Safety - July 1, 1989	\$897,161 (2007 Information)	2,693	\$110.00

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New Jersey	Motorcycle license - \$5.00	Exclusively to defray costs of motorcycle safety education program. May be used to provide for program coordinator.	Director to establish program and regulations; must include rider courses that meet or exceed the MSF's <i>RiderCourse</i> sm standards. Courses open to motorcycle license holders or applicants. Course to be scheduled at times and places appropriate to potential participants. Road test may be waived for successful course completion. Prescribes Instructor qualifications, including MSF certification.	Motor Vehicle Commission - June 1, 1992	\$438,210	8,106	\$225.00
New Mexico	Motorcycle registration - \$2.00	To institute and provide a statewide system of motorcycle training and alcohol and drug effects education for first-time license applicants; for purchase of necessary equipment and support services.	Bureau to adopt program regulations and standards, as prescribed. Program to include, at minimum: helmet use effectiveness, statistics, drug and alcohol information, safe driving habits, defensive driving. Prior to licensing, riders under 18 must pass a course that complies with Bureau standards.	Department of Transportation; Traffic Safety Bureau – July 1, 1983	\$587,377	3,509	\$65.00 (under 18); \$150.00 (18 and over)
New York	Motorcycle registration - \$2.50; motorcycle permit, license or renewal - \$.50/6 months or portion thereof	For the administration and implementation of the motorcycle safety program. No more than 10% of fund may be used for DMV administrative and personnel costs needed to implement and administer the program. Remaining funds shall be used for administrative and operating expenses of coordinating organization.	Program shall consist of approved motorcycle rider training courses. Instructor training, program promotion and public awareness. Approved courses shall meet nationally recognized standards for motorcycle rider safety programs which are approved by DMV and are comparable to the MSF's rider safety program standards. Approved courses shall include at least 8 hours of instruction in actual motorcycle operation. Commissioner shall enter into a 5-year contract with a coordinating organization which shall have at least 3 years experience in administering a statewide rider education program and have an administrator who has no financial or proprietary interest in a motorcycle training school or facility.	Department of Motor Vehicles - May 1, 1998	\$1,022,016	16,363	\$275.00 - \$350.00
North Carolina	Motorcycle registration - \$3.00	Establish statewide motorcycle safety instruction.	Motorcycle safety coordinator shall be responsible for Program planning, curriculum, and completion requirements and shall select and facilitate instructor training and certification. Program implemented through Community Colleges System Office at institutions which choose to provide it. Commissioner shall determine availability of spaces for students in courses. Commissioner to report if adequate space is available to that meets expected demand and average wait time for applicant to obtain space in course to Legislature as prescribed. UNC Hwy. Safety Research Center shall study whether riders 18 to 21 should be required to take course prior to licensing and submit report to Legislature. Effective 1/1/11, successful course completion required for riders under 18 prior to licensing.	Community Colleges Systems Office - October 1, 1989	\$494,400	11,017	\$130.00 (average)
North Dakota	Motorcycle safety education fee - \$10.00	Motorcycle safety education. Public schools and organizations to be reimbursed for actual cost of courses.	Director to establish standards for courses, instruction, course approval, Instructor certification. Riders under 16 must pass course meeting minimum MSF requirements prior to receiving license; must be enrolled or have passed approved course prior to receiving learner's permit. Director may waive license skills test upon successful completion of motorcycle safety course. DOT Director to promote motorcycle safety and awareness through advertising or other appropriate means.	Department of Transportation - January 1, 1980	\$403,000	2,190	\$50.00

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Ohio	Motorcycle registration - \$6.00	Unless otherwise provided by law, solely to pay part or all costs for the motorcycle safety and education program. Program sponsors will receive reimbursement of administrative and actual costs for the program.	Program to include courses meeting standards adopted by Dept. of Public Safety. Director to: purchase insurance for program; periodically inspect facilities, equipment and instruction procedures; evaluate program biennially. Training specialist to oversee program operation, establish courses, supervise Instructors; must be a licensed motorcyclist. Reasonable tuition fee, as determined by Director of Public Safety, may be charged. Director may authorize private organizations or corporations to offer course without tuition fee restrictions, but these entities are not eligible for subsidies or reimbursement from Motorcycle Safety & Education Fund. Course completion required for riders under 18 prior to licensing. Allows skills test waiver for successful completion of the course.	Department of Public Safety - March 11, 1987	\$2,600,000	11,306	Free (under 18); \$25.00 (18 and over)
Oklahoma	Tuition, fees, donations, federal funds, and grants received for motorcycle safety and education programming	Motorcycle safety and education programming.	Commissioner may hire Administrator for program administration and operation. Program to include standards for courses taught by certified instructors. Courses to meet or exceed nationally accepted standards and include instruction for novice and experienced operators and passengers and in motorist and alcohol and drug awareness and any other instruction Commissioner deems appropriate. May include marketing and promotion, improving motorcycle license testing procedures, and other appropriate provisions. Commissioner to evaluate program biennially, periodically inspect facilities and equipment, evaluate procedures used in instruction courses and submit reports to Advisory Committee. Allows skills test waiver for successful completion of course.	Department of Public Safety - November 1, 1999	N/A	3,081	\$150.00
Oregon	Original motorcycle license endorsement - \$38/8 yrs.; renewal endorsement - \$28/8yrs.	To carry out the purposes of the motorcycle safety program, as prescribed.	DOT to establish program, as prescribed, to the extent funds are available; employ personnel to advise and assist program providers and to act as liaison between government agencies, advisory committees and motorcycle groups; set tuition so as not to discourage participation. Riders under 21 must pass course prior to licensing; effective 1/1/11 riders 31 & under; 1/1/12 riders 41 & under; 1/1/13 riders 51 & under; 1/1/14 riders 61 & under; & 1/1/15 all riders must pass course prior to licensing. Allows skills test waiver for successful completion of course. Insurance discount for graduates of ORDOT approved courses for courses completed within 3 years prior to beginning of policy period.	Transportation Safety Division, Oregon Department of Transportation - October 15, 1983	\$2,387,522	9,972	\$150.00 - \$179.00
Pennsylvania	Motorcycle license - original, annual renewal, learner's permit/ replacement - \$5.00	To be applied to costs incurred in administering and conducting motorcycle safety and education programs.	DOT to establish program statewide; certify schools and Instructors; adopt program regulations. Program to include: Instructor curriculum and training requirements; approval and annual review of course materials. License exam waived for course graduates.	Department of Transportation - July 1, 1984	\$3,588,785.94	28,996	Free

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Rhode Island	Motorcycle registration - \$3.00	To assist in paying costs of motorcycle rider education program, as prescribed.	State Board of Governors through Community College of RI, to provide 6-20 hours classroom and/or on-the-road training for first-time motorcycle license applicants. Board shall establish fees as necessary to support program. All riders must pass course to get first license. Knowledge and skills test waived up to 6 months after graduation. Instructors must be eligible for State Board of Regents' teacher certification and/or certified by completion of course of instruction recognized by Community College of RI. , Board of Governors and/or Community College may certify motorcycle dealers or association engaged in motorcycle safety to provide course if curriculum is certified by MSF or other approved program. (Such course to provide minimum of 16 1/2 hours of combined classroom instruction and on range motorcycle training for beginner course, and minimum of 5 hours for licensed rider course; specifies instructor requirements and maximum class size. Dept. or Community College may inspect ranges to ensure they fulfill MSF range standards and may inspect courses at any time. Entity providing rider education program to maintain records for at least 2 years. No state subsidies provided to dealer or association for operating program. \$750 application fee/\$100 annual renewal payable to office of higher education for program oversight.)	State Board of Governors of Higher Education - January 1, 1979	\$283,133	2,970	\$99.00 (in-state); \$199.00 (out-of-state)
South Carolina	Legislative appropriation	None provided.	Board responsible for planning, curriculum, completion requirements and must designate coordinator if funds are available. Coordinator to select and facilitate training and certification of Instructors. Program delivered through state technical education system at institutions choosing to provide it. Instruction to include the MSF's <i>RiderCourse</i> sm or equivalent. Tuition set by Board.	State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education - June 11, 1990	None	2,306	\$239.00
South Dakota	Motorcycle safety education fee - \$7.00/yr.	Solely to provide motorcycle safety courses and education approved by Director.	Director to administer funding and establish rules for instruction standards, Instructor certification and course approval.	Department of Public Safety - July 1, 1982	\$314,200	2,149	\$75.00
Tennessee	Motorcycle registration - \$2.00; license/permit - \$1.00	Only for administration and expenses of motorcycle rider education program. Reimbursement of organizations with course sites permitted.	Program to include, at minimum, rider training courses and Instructor training. Department to establish program standards and regulations; set maximum tuition; issue completion cards. Program coordinator to oversee program, set guidelines, conduct annual evaluation. Minimum Instructor qualifications prescribed; must have state or MSF certification. Courses open to residents with valid driver's license or eligible for motorcycle permit. Adequate courses shall be provided to meet demand. 5-member advisory committee created. License skills and/or knowledge test waived for graduates. 10% insurance discount effective for 3 years.	Department of Safety - July 1, 1988	\$520,100 <small>(2007 Information)</small>	8,088 <small>(2007 Information)</small>	\$250.00 <small>(maximum)</small> <small>(2007 Information)</small>

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Texas	Motorcycle license/ endorsement renewal - \$8.00; license application - \$5.00; license exam - \$5.00; helmet exemption sticker - \$5.00/ 3 yrs.	To defray costs of administering the motorcycle operator training and safety program.	Program to provide information and courses for motorcyclists and sharing the roadway information for the public. Program shall use MSF curricula and Instructor certification requirements. Safety Coordinator to supervise program, including course location, fees, Instructor qualifications, Instructor certification and program sponsor requirements. Program Director must be an MSF Chief Instructor. Prescribes grounds for disapproval of Instructor or program sponsor. Comptroller to report condition of motorcycle education fund account biennially to Governor and Legislature. Motorcycle operator training and safety program providers to report monthly to agency. Designated state agency to maintain and update monthly compilation of reports on site-by-site basis and to provide most recent compilation to any member of legislature on request without charge. Tuition authorized by DPS. All riders must pass course prior to licensing.	Department of Public Safety - September 1, 1983	\$871,000	41,390	Not to exceed - \$195.00
Utah	Motorcycle registration - \$5.00; motorcycle endorsement, renewal or extension - \$2.50	For the motorcycle rider education program, including administration, novice and experienced training courses, and Instructor training. Division to set limit on reimbursements to course providers based on available funds.	Program to include, at minimum, novice and experienced training courses and Instructor training. Courses open to residents with valid driver's license or eligible for motorcycle permit and to residents who are at least age 15 ½ with a learner permit as prescribed. Adequate courses shall be provided to meet demand. Completion certificates to be issued. Full-time program coordinator to oversee and direct program, including Instructor approval. Course and Instructor training and approval standards prescribed; must meet or exceed the MSF's. Instructor must have current certification from the MSF or other national certifying body. Tuition rate must reflect state reimbursement. 2 month motorcycle learner permit holding period requirement for riders under 19 may be waived if course has been completed. 5-member advisory committee created.	Driver's License Division, Department of Public Safety - July 1, 1993	\$370,000	3,909	\$160.50 (average)
Vermont	Motorcycle registration - \$2.50; motorcycle learner's permit - \$2.00; motorcycle endorsement - \$2.00/yr.	Revenue from fee increases specified in the enacting law shall be used for administration and expenses of the motorcycle rider training program and for reimbursement of organizations with course sites.	Program to focus on training for inexperienced operators; must include, at minimum, rider training courses and Instructor training. Adequate courses shall be provided to meet demand. DMV to: adopt rules; set standards, including the MSF's; issue completion certificates; set reasonable tuition. Program Coordinator to oversee and direct program; set program and funding guidelines; conduct annual evaluation. One or more training specialists; duties prescribed. Minimum Instructor qualifications prescribed. Instructors may administer endorsement exam and skills test. Creates 7-member advisory committee. Course will be required for first-time motorcycle permit or license applicants prior to licensing, when Commissioner determines that program can operate effectively and meet demand. Commissioner may require applicant's successful completion of approved classroom training curriculum before motorcycle learner permit or motorcycle endorsement is issued.	Department of Motor Vehicles - June 21, 1990	\$345,000	1,413	\$135.00
Virginia	Motorcycle registration - \$3.00; motorcycle license endorsement - \$2.00/yr.; motorcycle learner's permit - \$3.00; motorcycle inspection fee - \$1.50	To be used as necessary for: administering motorcycle rider safety training courses; funding of approved regional training centers for conducting courses; related purposes.	DMV to approve facilities, equipment, curriculum, accreditation, and geographic areas in which motorcycle rider safety training center may offer courses. Specifies minimum instructor qualifications. Program to provide novice, experienced or sidecar & 3-wheeled motorcyclists courses or any of the three rider training courses. Provides maximum students per course specifications. All courses to include alcohol and drug effects education and review of VA laws and rules of the road applicable to motorcycles. Specifies reporting requirements for training centers.	Department of Motor Vehicles - May 1, 1985	\$1,400,000 (estimate)	14,500	\$90.00 (average)

Legislative Provisions

2008 Program Information*

State	Source of Funding	Stipulated Uses of Funding	Other Program Requirements	Administering Agency - Effective Date of Original Law	Reported Annual Budget	Novice Students Trained	Novice Student's Tuition
Washington	Motorcycle license application - \$5.00; initial motorcycle license - \$12.00/5 yrs.; license renewal - \$25.00/5 yrs.; motorcycle learner's permit or renewal - \$15.00	For expenses incurred in administering the motorcycle operator license requirement and the motorcycle operator training and education program.	Program priorities: public awareness, education programs, classroom and hands-on training, improved operator testing. Program to include separate novice and advanced skills education course for operators of 2-and 3-wheeled motorcycles; minimum of 8 hours, maximum of 16 hours. Tuition limited to \$50 for WA residents under age 18 and to \$125 for WA residents age 18 or older and military personnel of any age stationed in WA. DOL to: encourage use of loan motorcycles; require biennial program report, as prescribed; compile statistics. Instructors must conduct at least 3 classes per year. Five-member advisory board created. Riders under 18 must pass an approved course prior to licensing. Knowledge and skills test waived for successful completion of an approved rider training course.	Department of Licensing - June 10, 1982	\$3,731,000 (FY '09-'11)	20,544	\$50.00 (under 18); \$125.00 (18 and over, subsidized course); \$250.00 (18 and over, non-subsidized course)
West Virginia	Motorcycle-only license - \$10.00; motorcycle endorsement - \$1/yr.; motorcycle safety fee - \$5.50/yr.	Solely for purposes specified in the motorcycle safety education article. To defray cost of administering and implementing the motorcycle safety education program.	Program to include rider and Instructor training courses. DMV to: establish course and Instructor standards; issue completion certificates; set maximum tuition. Program coordinator to oversee and direct program and conduct annual evaluation. Courses open to residents who are eligible for a motorcycle permit. Adequate courses shall be provided to meet anticipated demand. License test may be waived upon successful course completion. Creates 8-member motorcycle safety awareness board.	Division of Motor Vehicles - July 1, 1992	\$285,500	2,484	\$100.00 (in-state); \$195.00 (out-of-state)
Wisconsin	Appropriation from Transportation Fund	DOT may make grants for establishment of courses.	Program to include, at minimum, operator skills training, safety education and public awareness, as prescribed. DOT to adopt rules. Before licensing riders under 18 or applicants who fail license skills test twice, riders must pass a basic course. Limit of 3 learner's permits issued to applicant who hasn't graduated from course. License skills test waived for basic course graduates. Point reduction for rider course completion.	Bureau of Transportation Safety, Department of Transportation - May 1, 1982	\$654,000 (2007 Information)	921 (2007 Information)	\$160.51 (2007 Information)
Wyoming	Motorcycle registration - \$7.00; motorcycle license - \$3.00	Only for administration and implementation of program, including defraying expenses of offering rider training courses either directly or by contract.	Program to provide, at minimum: novice rider training courses; Instructor training and approval. Courses open to residents with a valid driver's license or eligible for motorcycle permit. Sufficient courses shall be provided throughout the state to meet reasonably anticipated demand. Program coordinator to oversee and direct program. DOT to issue completion certificates; establish rules; set program standards, as specified. Standards for rider courses and Instructor training and approval must meet or exceed national standards. Instructor must have current valid certification from the MSF or other nationally recognized certifying body. <i>RiderCourse</i> sm fees must be set low to encourage participation, but must defray costs.	Department of Transportation - February 24, 1995	\$175,000 (2003 Information)	851 (2003 Information)	\$25.00 (in-state); \$125.00 (out-of-state)

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