

LEGISLATIVE REPORT
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Latest action of our lawsuit against the Governor as of 2/12/09 – Legal papers have been filed; Docketing statement filed – 4th Judicial District of the IL Court of Appeals, next is to have the transcript submitted.

House Bills as of 2/16/2009

HB 73 – Vehicular Homicide, we support

HB 160 - 24 hour headlights for all vehicles – we oppose

HB 162 – Riders Ed (in progress) - we support

HB 413 – New Vehicle Codes (to include motorcycles) – discuss at BOD meeting

HB 422 – Clean Car act – we oppose

HB 904 – Negligent Homicide – will discuss

HB 925 Helmet Bill – we oppose

HB980 – Truck speeds – will discuss at BOD meeting

HB 996 – Vehicle Code – electronic comm. devices – will discuss

HB 1181 – Titling of Mopeds – support

HB 1295 – DNR Congress – will discuss

Senate Bills as of 2/16/2009

SB 142 – sponsored by Sandoval – Gang Tattoos – we oppose

SB 1351 – sponsored by Trotter – Helmet Bill – we oppose

These are all bills that we have traditionally supported or opposed, some will be monitored and discussed by the Board of Directors. It is imperative that all the Legislative Coordinators get active, there have been 2789 bills introduced as of 2/16/09. Some do not apply to us, but some do and some can turn against us in the future; so it is important that we have recognition in many places; The Capitol, local events and of course, Legislative Day March 4.

That is our chance to put a face on who we are. The friendly legislators like to see us there; when they realize who you are while sitting in the gallery they enjoy acknowledging your presence. Ant the one's that don't like us know we're up there. Personal involvement is our most effective tool.

Let's hope for nice weather march 4th – we'll meet at the Ramada (see flyer). If you are hooking up with some other chapters, give me a call if you can and give me an estimated arrival time, also let me know if you want shuttle service. I know meeting elsewhere is a pain, but it saves enough to cover the cost of a couple airline tickets for the trip to DC.

That trip is being scheduled now. It will be a very experienced group going from all over the State. There was a planned AMA Seminar that we bought tickets for and then the seminar was cancelled, so we are going to add a couple of roll-a-ways to the hotel rooms and squeeze a couple of new faces in.

With a Transportation Act due this year we can have an influence on motorcycling for the next generation.

In closing I want to thank you for the opportunity to work for motorcyclists. I want to encourage all chapter legislative coordinators to get mobile. There is plenty of work to do. If you have questions, contact me! It's easiest to email me at bobward56@centurytel.net or text me at 309.231.1496. If you'd rather speak to a live person call, if I can't speak to you right then, I will do my best to track you down. There is plenty to do.

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