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IL - HB2536 NON-HIGHWAY VEH-55 MPH

Categories: off road, off road / county highway, ab8 - opposed, ab8 - off road, web - ab8

Notes:

Opposed

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2022 Update - ABATE supported bill on large non highway vehicles SB1231 passed in 2021 (PA 102-0312)

Last Action: Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee (March 27, 2021)

Primary Sponsor: Representative Thomas M. Bennett (R)

Summary:

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Changes the definition of "all-terrain vehicle" to include vehicles 74 inches (instead of 50 inches) or less in width and with a manufacturer's dry weight of 3,000 (instead of 1,500) pounds or less. Provides that a person may operate an all-terrain vehicle or recreational off-highway vehicle on a roadway with a speed limit of 55 miles per hour or less (rather than 35 miles per hour or less) if the roadway is not a State highway, federal highway, or within the boundaries of an incorporated area. Effective immediately.

IL - HB2617 TRAINING-MOTORCYCLE PROFILING

Categories: support, profiling, ab8 - support, web - ab8, ab8 - on road

Notes:

Support

Updates police training to include training on the issue of motorcycle profiling and prohibits pulling a person over based on what they are wearing or the method of transportation they are using.

Last Action: Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee (April 23, 2021)

Primary Sponsor: Representative Lance Yednock (D)

Summary:

Amends the Department of State Police Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Provides that the Illinois State Police shall conduct or approve a training program for State police officers

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concerning procedures against the practice of motorcycle profiling. Amends the Illinois Police Training Act. Provides that the curriculum for probationary police officers which shall be offered by all certified schools shall include courses on motorcycle profiling. Defines "motorcycle profiling".

[IL - HB2925 NON-HIGHWAY VEH-55 MPH](#)

Categories: ab8 - off road, ab8 - watch, web - ab8, off road / county highway

Notes:

WATCH

This bill permits all off highway vehicles to use roads 55mph & under in unincorporated areas. ABATE will watch and work with interested partners to permit responsible development of Off-Highway recreation in rural areas.

Last Action: Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee (March 27, 2021)

Primary Sponsor: Representative Patrick Windhorst (R)

Summary:

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that a person may operate a non-highway vehicle on a roadway with a speed limit of 55 miles per hour or less (rather than 35 miles per hour or less) if the roadway is not a State highway, federal highway, or within the boundaries of an incorporated area. Effective immediately.

[IL - HB3241 GASOLINE STORAGE-E15 CONSUMER](#)

Categories: ethanol, ab8 - on road, ab8 - opposed, web - ab8

Notes:

Opposed

Bill will expand E15 into stations without a requirement that stations provide E10 or E0 fuel in non blended pumps. Blend pumps can cause a motorcycle to fill up with the wrong fuel due to lax EPA standards (4 gallons can be a different fuel in blender pumps). E15 is not approved for motorcycles and it violates Federal Law to use it in a motorcycle, and may cause damage to fuel systems.

Last Action: Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee (March 27, 2021)

Primary Sponsor: Representative Lance Yednock (D)

Summary:

Amends the Gasoline Storage Act. Provides that every filling station or service station open to the general public shall make available, at each filling station or service station, self-service dispensing equipment that dispenses mid-grade E15 for use in motor vehicles and motor vehicle engines and

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shall offer mid-grade E15 for sale. Provides that every filling station or service station subject to the requirements of the provisions shall comply with specified labeling requirements that apply to retailers and wholesale purchaser-consumers of gasoline-ethanol blends that contain greater than 10% by volume of ethanol and not more than 15% by volume of ethanol. Provides that the requirements of the provisions shall not apply to specified filling stations. Effective January 1, 2023.

IL - HB3862 VEH CD-VEHICLE LIGHT-NO GLARE

Categories: customizing, ab8 - support, web - ab8, ab8 - on road

Notes:

Support

This bill affects high intensity lights that are improperly aligned and cause blinding glares at night.

These lights are hazardous to motorcyclists.

Last Action: Referred to Assignments (April 28, 2021)

Primary Sponsor: Representative Joe Sosnowski (R)

Summary:

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Requires that any spot lamp on a motor vehicle shall emit a white light without glare. Requires that any auxiliary driving lamp on a motor vehicle shall emit a white or amber light without glare.

IL - HB4694 VEH CD DRIVERS EDUCATION

Categories: ab8 - watch, web - ab8, ab8 - on road

Notes:

Watch

This bill would allow for online driver's ed instruction. ABATE is watching and evaluating possible affects on motorcycle awareness education.

Last Action: Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee (February 18, 2022)

Primary Sponsor: Representative Tim Ozinga (R)

Summary:

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that "approved driver education course" includes online instruction. Makes corresponding changes.

IL - HB4713 DNR-ABOLISH ADVISORY BOARD

Categories: ab8 - support, ab8 - off road, web - ab8, ab8 - watch

Notes:

Support

ABATE moved to a support position based on new amendments. This bill would reduce transparency at the Illinois Department of Transportation by changing the advisory board that closely watches IDNR on behalf of outdoor recreational users all over Illinois including off road enthusiasts, but the new oversight board would include a member of the outdoor powersports community. Sister Bill is SB3908

Last Action: Motion Filed to Reconsider Vote Rep. Andrew S. Chesney (March 2, 2022)

Primary Sponsor: Representative Lawrence Walsh, Jr. (D)

Summary:

Amends the Departments of State Government Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois by repealing the Section that created the Department of Natural Resources Advisory Board. Makes corresponding changes in the Wildlife Code and the Illinois Open Land Trust Act. Amends the Department of Natural Resources Act. Authorizes the Department of Natural Resources to conduct regional yearly public forums to obtain public input and comments on subjects, matters, or programs under the control of the Department of Natural Resources. Requires the Department of Natural Resources to consider all comments received during a public forum.

IL - HB5281 LICENSE PLATES NON-HWY VEH

Categories: off road / county highway, ab8 - off road, ab8 - support, web - ab8

Notes:

Support

This bill would allow all off highway vehicles to utilize county highways, and sets very specific standards for traffic behavior. It meets the standards set out in ABATE legislative positions. Sister Bill to SB70

Given the lack of support from IDNR in the development of a long stalled off road park for recreation, ABATE supports this version of county road recreation.

Last Action: Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee (February 18, 2022)

Primary Sponsor: Representative Charles Meier (R)

Summary:

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that the Secretary of State shall issue distinctive registration plates for non-highway vehicles. Provides that the Secretary shall issue these plates only to non-highway vehicles that are insured and have brakes, a steering apparatus, tires, a rearview mirror, red reflectorized warning devices in the front and rear, a slow moving emblem on the rear, a

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headlight that emits a white light, a tail lamp that emits a red light, brake lights, and turn signals. Provides that every owner of a non-highway vehicle that drives upon a roadway with a posted speed limit of 35 miles per hour or less shall pay the Secretary an annual registration fee of \$76. Provides that the registration fee shall be distributed as follows: \$1 to the State Treasurer, for deposit into the State Police Service Fund; \$30 to the State Treasurer, for deposit into the Road Fund; and \$45 to the Treasurer of the county of residence of the owner of the non-highway vehicle, for deposit into the road fund of the county. Provides that vehicles with a registration plate may be operated on any street, highway, or roadway where the posted speed limit is 35 miles per hour or less or any county highway where the posted speed limit is 55 miles per hour or less and may make a direct crossing upon or across certain roads.

[IL - HB5496 WORD CHANGE: ACCIDENT TO CRASH](#)

Categories: ab8 - on road, ab8 - support, web - ab8

Notes:

Support

ABATE supports replacing "accident" with "crash" in line with more modern traffic reporting requirements. An "accident" makes it sound like a collision was unavoidable. The truth is many crashes are caused by distracted driving, reckless behavior, failure to maintain vehicles, and inattentive drivers. Hopefully, this bill will encourage further study of crashes instead of dismissing them as an accident.

Last Action: Referred to Assignments (March 2, 2022)

Primary Sponsor: Representative Tom Weber (R)

Summary:

Amends various Acts by replacing the term "accident", in relation to automobiles, motor vehicles, and traffic accidents, with the term "crash". Provides that a State agency may exhaust any forms or documents using "accident" prior to printing copies of a new version using "crash". Effective immediately.

[IL - HB5503 ALL-TERRAIN VEH ON ROADWAY](#)

Categories: off road / county highway, ab8 - off road, ab8 - opposed, web - ab8

Notes:

Opposed

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that are paid for and used by smaller beginner ATV and Dirt Bike users. This is a dangerous situation that would lead to more money need for trail maintenance. ABATE supports a different definition for these large vehicles and different recreational development for them.

2022 Update - ABATE supported bill on large non highway vehicles SB1231 passed in 2021 (PA 102-0312)

Last Action: Referred to Rules Committee (January 31, 2022)

Primary Sponsor: Representative Daniel Swanson (R)

Summary:

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Changes the definition of "all-terrain vehicle" to mean certain vehicles that are 74 (instead of 50) inches or less in width. Permits the operation of all-terrain vehicles meeting certain criteria on any street, roadway, or highway in this State, unless the highway is an interstate system, is near a grade-separated portion of the highway, or has a posted speed limit higher than 55 miles per hour. Provides that an all-terrain vehicle may be registered in the same manner as provided for snowmobiles and shall comply with the registration, fees, insurance, and other requirements for snowmobiles under the Snowmobile Registration and Safety Act. Outlines the vehicle equipment requirements for the operation of an all-terrain vehicle on a roadway.

[IL - SB70 LICENSE PLATES NON-HWY VEH](#)

Categories: off road / county highway, off road, ab8 - off road, web - ab8, ab8 - support

Notes:

Support

This bill would allow all off highway vehicles to utilize county highways, and sets very specific standards for traffic behavior. It meets the standards set out in ABATE legislative positions. Sister bill to HB5281

Given the lack of support from IDNR in the development of a long stalled off road park for recreation, ABATE supports this version of county road recreation.

Last Action: Rule 3-9(a) / Re-referred to Assignments (April 16, 2021)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Terri Bryant (R)

Summary:

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that the Secretary of State shall issue distinctive registration plates for non-highway vehicles. Provides that the Secretary shall issue these plates only to non-highway vehicles that are insured and have brakes, a steering apparatus, tires, a rearview mirror, red reflectorized warning devices in the front and rear, a slow moving emblem on the rear, a

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headlight that emits a white light, a tail lamp that emits a red light, brake lights, and turn signals. Provides that every owner of a non-highway vehicle that drives upon a roadway with a posted speed limit of 35 miles per hour or less shall pay the Secretary an annual registration fee of \$76. Provides that the registration fee shall be distributed as follows: \$1 to the State Treasurer, for deposit into the State Police Service Fund; \$30 to the State Treasurer, for deposit into the Road Fund; and \$45 to the Treasurer of the county of residence of the owner of the non-highway vehicle, for deposit into the road fund of the county. Provides that vehicles with a registration plate may be operated on any street, highway, or roadway where the posted speed limit is 35 miles per hour or less or any county highway where the posted speed limit is 55 miles per hour or less and may make a direct crossing upon or across certain roads.

[IL - SB2061 OUTDOOR RECREATION INDUSTRY](#)

Categories: ab8 - off road, ab8 - support, web - ab8

Notes:

Support

This bill creates a new Department in IDNR that would be focused on promoting outdoor recreation including off road vehicle use.

Last Action: Rule 3-9(a) / Re-referred to Assignments (April 16, 2021)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Craig Wilcox (R)

Summary:

Creates the Office of Outdoor Recreation Industry Act. Establishes the Office of Outdoor Recreation Industry within the Department of Natural Resources. Provides that the Governor shall appoint the Director of the Office. Provides that the Director shall appoint an Outdoor Recreation Industry Advisory Council to provide guidance to the Director in carrying out the purposes of the Office. Adds provisions governing the composition, duties, and operation of the Office of Outdoor Recreation Industry.

[IL - SB2155 VEH CD-LICENSE EXAM AGE](#)

Categories: dl issues, ab8 - support, web - ab8, ab8 - on road

Notes:

SUPPORT

This bill removes the requirement for individuals 75 & older to conduct a mandatory driving test. It still maintains the requirement that a driver with multiple wrecks / tickets perform a driving test.

This bill eliminates age discrimination, and reduces the burden on cycle safety classes which are

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sometimes populated with very experienced students who are only taking the class to satisfy testing requirements.

Last Action: Rule 3-9(a) / Re-referred to Assignments (April 16, 2021)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Jil Tracy (R)

Summary:

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Removes provisions requiring that applicants 75 years of age or older demonstrate the ability to exercise reasonable care and ordinary and reasonable control of the operation of a motor vehicle when applying for a driver's license.

IL - SB2428 USE/OCC TX-MID-RANGE ETHANOL

Categories: ethanol, ab8 - on road, ab8 - opposed, web - ab8

Notes:

Opposed

This bill incentivizes higher ethanol fuels which has been shown to reduce the availability of lower ethanol fuels that motorcyclists need to be compliant with federal law and manufacturer recommendations

Last Action: Referred to Assignments (February 26, 2021)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Bill Cunningham (D)

Summary:

Amends the Use Tax Act, the Service Use Tax Act, the Service Occupation Tax Act, and the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act. Provides that the tax imposed on mid-range ethanol blends applies to (i) 80% of the proceeds of sales made on or after July 1, 2019 and on or before December 31, 2023 and (ii) 100% of the proceeds of sales made thereafter. Provides that the term "mid-range ethanol blend" means a blend of gasoline and denatured ethanol that contains not less than 20% but less than 51% denatured ethanol. Makes changes to the definitions of "gasohol" and "majority blended ethanol fuel" to adjust the required percentage of ethanol. Provides that, on and after July 1, 2021 and prior to July 1, 2024, the tax shall be imposed on 90% of the proceeds of sales of gasohol. Effective immediately.

IL - SB2562 GASOLINE STORAGE-E10 & E15

Categories: ethanol, ab8 - on road, ab8 - opposed, web - ab8, ab8 - zombie

Notes:

OPPOSED

BILL WOULD ALLOW E-15 IN TANKS THAT CURRENTLY HAVE E-10. ABATE IS ALREADY CONCERNED WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF E-15 FUEL MAKING IT INTO MOTORCYCLE TANKS (ILLEGAL UNDER FEDERAL RULES). THIS WOULD MAKE MIS FUEL MORE LIKELY.

Last Action: Referred to Assignments (February 26, 2021)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Melinda Bush (D)

Summary:

Amends the Gasoline Storage Act. Provides that, notwithstanding any other provision of the Act, and to the fullest extent allowable under the law, all motor vehicle fuel storage and dispensing equipment that is currently permitted for storage and dispensing of gasoline-ethanol blends containing 10% ethanol (E10) shall be permitted to store and dispense gasoline-ethanol blends containing 15% ethanol (E15), as long as the facility complies with all other requirements or rules of the Office of the State Fire Marshal. Provides that the Office of the State Fire Marshal, or any other State or local authority with jurisdiction over the E10-permitted equipment, shall not have the authority to prohibit storage or dispensing of E15 or deny a permit to a facility on the grounds that the motor vehicle fuel storage and dispensing equipment is not compatible for use with E15 if is approved or permitted to use with E10. Defines "motor vehicle fuel storage and dispensing equipment".

IL - SB2940 ELECTRIC VEHICLES

Categories: ev, ab8 - on road, ab8 - support, web - ab8

Notes:

Support

This bill would treat Electric Motorcycles as equal to other electric vehicles when deciding incentives and transportation planning.

Last Action: Rule 2-10 Third Reading Deadline Established As March 11, 2022 (February 25, 2022)

Primary Sponsor: Senator David Koehler (D)

Summary:

Amends the Electric Vehicle Act and the Electric Vehicle Rebate Act. Deletes language providing that "electric vehicle" does not include electric motorcycles. Effective immediately.

IL - SB3605 DRIVING-NO VIRTUAL MEETINGS

Categories: support, distracted driving, ab8 - support, ab8 - on road, web - ab8

Notes:

Support

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This bill would reduce distracted driving by making a video conference while driving an offense under distracted driving laws.

Last Action: Referred to Assignments (January 19, 2022)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Ram Villivalam (D)

Summary:

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Prohibits an individual from using an electronic communication device to participate in a virtual meeting using the video function while operating a motor vehicle. Effective immediately.

IL - SB3609 VEH CD-REGISTRATION DISCOUNT

Categories: ab8 - support, web - ab8, ab8 - on road

Notes:

Support

Reduces registration fees by \$25 if a vehicle was manufactured in Illinois. Sponsor amended the bill to include motorcycles.

Last Action: Referred to Rules Committee (February 24, 2022)

Primary Sponsor: Senator David Koehler (D)

Summary:

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that the registration fee for cars and small trucks shall be reduced by \$25 if the vehicle is manufactured in this State and the application for registration is made no more than one year after the month in which the vehicle was manufactured.

IL - SB3908 DNR-ABOLISH ADVISORY BOARD

Categories: ab8 - support, ab8 - off road, web - ab8

Notes:

Support

ABATE moved to a support position based on new amendments. This bill would reduce transparency at the Illinois Department of Transportation by changing the advisory board that closely watches IDNR on behalf of outdoor recreational users all over Illinois including off road enthusiasts, but the new oversight board would include a member of the outdoor powersports community.. Sister Bill is HB4713

Last Action: Referred to Rules Committee (February 25, 2022)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Doris Turner (D)

Summary:

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Amends the Departments of State Government Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois by repealing the Section that created the Department of Natural Resources Advisory Board. Makes corresponding changes in the Wildlife Code and the Illinois Open Land Trust Act. Amends the Department of Natural Resources Act. Authorizes the Department of Natural Resources to conduct regional yearly public forums to obtain public input and comments on subjects, matters, or programs under the control of the Department of Natural Resources. Requires the Department of Natural Resources to consider all comments received during a public forum.

[IL - SB4173 VEH CD-CELL MISUSE-PENALTIES](#)

Categories: ab8 - support, web - ab8

Notes:

Support

Bill would suspend the license of anyone accused of causing a fatal accident while on a cell phone, and revoke that license for 3 years if they are convicted. Treats distracted driving more like drunk driving.

Last Action: Referred to Assignments (February 15, 2022)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Steve McClure (R)

Summary:

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Requires the Secretary of State to suspend the driver's license issued to a person charged with aggravated use of a wireless telephone resulting in the death of another person immediately after: an indictment has been returned by a grand jury; a preliminary hearing after which a judge finds there is probable cause to believe the person has committed one of the offenses; or the person has waived a preliminary hearing. Requires the suspension to remain in effect until the case is resolved by a sentencing hearing, a dismissal of the charge, or an entry of a not guilty verdict. Requires the Secretary of State to revoke the driver's license issued to a person convicted of aggravated use of a wireless telephone resulting in the death of another person, for not less than 3 years, commencing on the date of the person's sentencing hearing. Makes corresponding changes. Provides that the amendatory Act may be referred to as the Protz-Lidy Act.