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Fighting for the Rights of

ALL MOTORCYCLIST since 1976

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Here's why you should join NOW

ABATE of Michigan offers you activities and brotherhood of fellow motorcyclists.

ABATE of Michigan, through its newsletter and its website, will keep you informed of legislative issues facing us.

ABATE of Michigan, through its lobbyist, will work on legislative issues in Lansing. We will educate the lawmakers about motorcycle issues in a professional and dignified manner.

ABATE of Michigan fights for the rights of ALL motorcyclists to ensure that we and our children will be able to enjoy the freedoms we hold so dear.

What can **YOU** do? Join and support ABATE of Michigan, Inc. Let's get together in mass so that our voice means something – so it has the weight and strength of numbers. ABATE of Michigan, Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to "FREEDOME OF THE ROAD." You, as an individual, can help us in our fight to promote motorcycle issues.

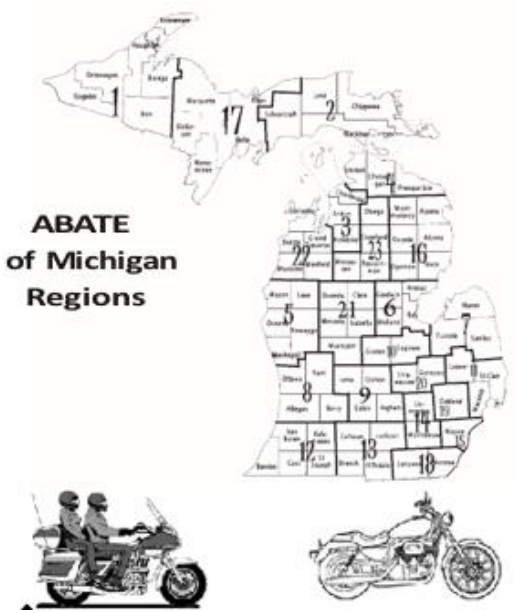
Educate – Don't Legislate – Motorcycle Safety

- Education is the ABATE alternative.
- Educate new riders on proper riding techniques.
- Educate seasoned riders on newer or safer riding techniques.
- Educate the non-riding public to be **AWARE** of motorcycle riders.
- Educate the State Legislature on sound motorcycle legislation.
- Promote Motorcycle Licensing.
- Promote the Ride Straight Alcohol Awareness Program sponsored by the American Motorcycle Association.

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Mission Statement

ABATE of Michigan, Inc. is a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving the rights and promoting the safe operating practices of Michigan motorcyclists. We are a freedom of choice organization and are comprised of all types of motorcyclists from all walks of life.

Vision Statement

ABATE of Michigan, Inc. will work expand into other areas, grow in membership and work with other organizations in order to preserve the universal right to a safe, unrestricted motorcycling environment on a state and national level.

What is ABATE?

ABATE of Michigan believes that the rider is best able to decide the type of motorcycle to ride and the type and extent of safety gear to be worn. We believe that adult riders should have the freedom to choose whether or not to use helmets as part of a comprehensive motorcycle safety program.

ABATE of Michigan is comprised of people from all walks of life, coming together to work for realistic legislation; to ensure safety and freedom of our public roads; to promote motorcycle awareness to the general public; and to ensure that motorcycles are here to stay as an alternate mode of transportation.

ABATE of Michigan enables you to become educated both politically and in safe riding practices. Through public forums, writing letters, and meeting elected officials, ABATE of Michigan members have the opportunity to speak their side of the issues and educate others on the needs of Michigan motorcyclists.

ABATE of Michigan is open to everyone having an interest in motorcycling.

What if your Government proposed to:

-Limit horsepower to LESS than 30 HP?
-Limit displacement to LESS than 1000cc's?
-Limit the PUBLIC areas where you could ride?
-Limit the HOURS that you could ride?
-ELIMINATE modified motorcycles?
-Mandate the wearing of REFLECTORIZED vest?
-Mandate "Crash Bars" for motorcycles?
-BAN MOTORCYCLES?

Some of these items have been proposed in Michigan and have been stopped by ABATE. All of these have been proposed somewhere in the United States.

ABATES Goals Are:

To publish the *Michigan Rider* newsletter to keep you informed on pending legislation pertaining to motorcycles and riders, and motorcycle related functions (party's, rides, etc.) in Michigan and around the country

- To motivate bikers and inform them how to communicate with their legislators and get them involved in the legislative process.
- To promote safety and education ALONG with promoting MOTORCYCLING.
- To become a powerful and viable political force in legislative matters concerning the motorcycle rider.

For additional information visit our website at www.abateofmichigan.org

What has ABATE of Michigan done?

- ABATE modified Michigan's mandatory helmet law in 2012 that allows freedom of choice.
- ABATE initiated and passed legislation to repeal Michigan's mandatory helmet law.
- ABATE members have helped raise tens of thousands of dollars and collect food, clothing & toys for local communities and various charities.
- ABATE restored funding for motorcycle safety after it was eliminated from the 2004 budget.
- ABATE supported and was instrumental in enacting legislation for new rider education.
- ABATE initiated and was instrumental in passing legislation removing "points" from your driving record for helmet law violations.
- ABATE has proposed and helped enact funding for rider education programs throughout the state.
- ABATE was successful in passing legislation that regulates motorcycle seizures by police agencies.
- ABATE initiated the Ride Straight alcohol awareness and a Licensing Awareness program
- ABATE stopped legislation that would have required Lights on, banned several stock Harley-Davidson motorcycles; "Reflectorized vest", and/or reflective material on all riders.
- ABATE helped pass the Motorcycle Safety Legislation in 1982. Since that time ABATE has initiated and passed legislation 5 times to keep the Safety Fund solvent. ABATE stopped the state from putting the safety fund into the general fund in 2004.
- ABATE volunteers, through its Motorcycle Awareness program have taught over 80,000 new car drivers about motorcycles and to share the road in Drivers Education classes.
- ABATE stopped legislation that would ban your children from riding with you.
- ABATE membership comes with a $3,500 Life Insurance Policy.
- ABATE repealed nighttime motorcycle bans in Oak Park Ferndale Michigan in 2007.