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To amend section 4508.08 of the Revised Code to 1
permit public entities to offer motorcycle 2
operator instruction without any tuition fee 3
restriction. 4

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 4508.08 of the Revised Code be 5
amended to read as follows: 6

Sec. 4508.08. There is hereby created in the department of 7
public safety the motorcycle safety and education program. The 8
director of public safety shall administer the program in 9
accordance with the following guidelines: 10

(A) The program shall include courses of instruction 11
conducted at vocational schools, community colleges, or other 12
suitable locations, by instructors who have obtained certification 13
in the manner and form prescribed by the director. The courses 14
shall meet standards established in rules adopted by the 15
department in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. 16
The courses may include instruction for novice motorcycle 17
operators, instruction in motorist awareness and alcohol and drug 18
awareness, and any other kind of instruction the director 19

considers appropriate. A reasonable tuition fee, as determined by 20
the director, may be charged. The director may authorize public 21
entities such as vocational schools and community colleges and 22
private organizations or corporations to offer courses without 23
tuition fee restrictions, but all such entities, organizations, 24
and corporations are not eligible for reimbursement of expenses or 25
subsidies from the motorcycle safety and education fund created in 26
section 4501.13 of the Revised Code. 27

(B) In addition to courses of instruction, the program may 28
include provisions for equipment purchases, marketing and 29
promotion, improving motorcycle license testing procedures, and 30
any other provisions the director considers appropriate. 31

(C) The director shall evaluate the program every two years 32
and shall periodically inspect the facilities, equipment, and 33
procedures used in the courses of instruction. 34

(D) The director shall appoint at least one training 35
specialist who shall oversee the operation of the program, 36
establish courses of instruction, and supervise instructors. The 37
training specialist shall be a licensed motorcycle operator and 38
shall obtain certification in the manner and form prescribed by 39
the director. 40

(E) The director may contract with other public agencies or 41
with private organizations or corporations to assist in 42
administering the program. 43

(F) Notwithstanding any provision of Chapter 102. of the 44
Revised Code, the director, in order to administer the program, 45
may participate in a motorcycle manufacturer's motorcycle loan 46
program. 47

(G) The director shall contract with an insurance company or 48
companies authorized to do business in this state to purchase a 49
policy or policies of insurance with respect to the establishment 50

or administration, or any other aspect of the operation of the 51
program. 52

Section 2. That existing section 4508.08 of the Revised Code 53
is hereby repealed. 54