

Hey Everyone,

Here is the information about the \$2.50 motorcycle registration fee. I have included a direct copy of the 2016 Florida Statutes that detail the motorcycle safety education fee.

The Florida State Legislature has set up a fund to help pay for motorcycle safety awareness programs that improve driver awareness of motorcycles as well as motorcycle rider improvement.

The budgeted money comes from the \$2.50 motorcycle registration fee that ONLY motorcycle owners pay. The fee goes into the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund (Florida Statute 320.08) to be implemented for motorcycle safety awareness programs (Florida Statute 322.025)

*** Please note the last part of the sentence under section (c) "or the general operations of the department"

The 2016 Florida Statutes

[Title XXIII](#)
MOTOR VEHICLES

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MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSES

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320.08 License taxes.—Except as otherwise provided herein, there are hereby levied and imposed annual license taxes for the operation of motor vehicles, mopeds, motorized bicycles as defined in [s. 316.003\(2\)](#), tri-vehicles as defined in [s. 316.003](#), and mobile homes as defined in [s. 320.01](#), which shall be paid to and collected by the department or its agent upon the registration or renewal of registration of the following:

(1) MOTORCYCLES AND MOPEDS.—

(a) Any motorcycle: \$10 flat.

(b) Any moped: \$5 flat.

(c) Upon registration of a motorcycle, motor-driven cycle, or moped, in addition to the license taxes specified in this subsection, a nonrefundable motorcycle safety education fee in the amount of \$2.50 shall be paid. The proceeds of such additional fee shall be deposited in the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund to fund a motorcycle driver improvement program implemented pursuant to [s. 322.025](#), the Florida Motorcycle Safety Education Program established in [s. 322.0255](#), or the general operations of the department.

(d) An ancient or antique motorcycle: \$7.50 flat, of which \$2.50 shall be deposited into the General Revenue Fund.

This little added line means that they can decide to use any of the set aside safety fund money to pay for anything the department wants such as travel expenses, tape, office furniture, etc.....

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322.025 Driver improvement.—The department may implement programs to improve the driving ability of the drivers of this state. Such programs may include, but shall not be limited to, safety awareness campaigns, driver training, and licensing improvement. Motorcycle driver improvement programs implemented pursuant to this section or [s. 322.0255](#) may be funded by the motorcycle safety education fee collected pursuant to [s. 320.08\(1\)\(c\)](#), which shall be deposited in the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund.

History.—[s. 1, ch. 87-161](#); [s. 6, ch. 88-405](#); [s. 71, ch. 93-120](#); [s. 46, ch. 2000-152](#); [ss. 46, 53, ch. 2007-73](#); [s. 6, ch. 2009-14](#); [s. 9, ch. 2009-20](#).

The budgeted money comes from Florida motorcyclists to be used by Florida Motorcyclists to save the lives of all motorcyclists in Florida. Who is better at effectively teaching Motorcycle Safety Awareness, a motorcyclist that actually rides or a person who sits behind a desk and has never ridden a motorcycle?

ABATE of Florida, Inc. members volunteer their time and experience when they teach their copyrighted Motorcycle Safety Awareness Program. The members volunteer their time when they “work” a motorcycle safety booth at a community event. ABATE of Florida, Inc. members are a part of the community that they help educate. They have a very vested interest in increasing motorcycle safety awareness in the community where they ride.

FDOT staff members not only get paid when they sit at a safety booth, but they get reimbursed their travel expenses. They may not have ever ridden a motorcycle let alone be able to voice any credible motorcycle safety education. Not to mention the lack of community investment. It is just their job, not their passion... Not ***their*** life at stake.

Here is the link to

s.320.08 http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&Search_String=320.08&URL=0300-0399/0320/Sections/0320.08.html

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322.025 http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&Search_String=320.08&URL=0300-0399/0322/Sections/0322.025.html

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