

HOUSE No. 2978

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Daniel Cahill

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to a motorcycle safety fund.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Daniel Cahill</i>	<i>10th Essex</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>
<i>Kate Hogan</i>	<i>3rd Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Cahill of Lynn, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2978) of Daniel Cahill and others for legislation to establish a motorcycle safety fund. Transportation.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act relative to a motorcycle safety fund.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 10 of the General Laws as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 35DDD the following section:-

3 35EEE There shall be established and set up on the books of the commonwealth a
4 separate fund to be known as the Motorcycle Safety Fund for motorcycle safety related activities.
5 Such fund shall consist of all revenues received by the commonwealth under section thirty-four
6 of chapter ninety and which are specifically designed therein for said Motorcycle Safety Fund.

7 All revenues credited under this section shall remain in said Motorcycle Safety Fund,
8 subject to appropriation to establish motorcycle safety related activities.

9 Section XX. Section 34 of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, is hereby amended by
10 striking the words “(i) \$2 from every motorcycle registration issued pursuant to section 2 shall be
11 deposited into the General Fund and used solely for the purpose of promoting and advancing
12 motorcycle safety;” and inserting in place thereof the following:-

13 (i) \$2 from every motorcycle registration issued pursuant to section 2 shall be deposited
14 monthly into a separate fund known as the Motorcycle Safety Fund for the purpose of promoting
15 and advancing motorcycle safety; provided, however, that the registrar shall provide rebates of
16 not less than \$150 to persons under the age of 21 who successfully complete a motorcycle basic
17 rider course approved by the registrar pursuant to section 8 and that the total of such rebates shall
18 not exceed 20 per cent of the funds so deposited. All revenues credited under this section shall
19 remain in the Motorcycle Safety Fund to administer a motorcycle safety program, which shall
20 include, but not be limited to, funding registrar approved rider education courses and instructor
21 training, maintaining a policy manual that shall provide minimum requirements for instructors
22 and businesses that offer approved rider education courses in the commonwealth, the Motorcycle
23 Awareness Program in Section 13D of Chapter 71 of the General Laws, and public awareness
24 efforts. The State Treasurer shall not deposit such revenues in, or transfer such revenues to, the
25 General Fund or any other fund other than the Motorcycle Safety Fund. The State Treasurer shall
26 produce annually, an accounting report detailing income and expenditures relating to said
27 Motorcycle Safety Fund, deliverable to the Chairman of the Massachusetts Motorcycle
28 Association (MMA), the house and senate chair of the Joint Committee on Transportation, and
29 the clerks of the senate and house of representatives.