

ABATE began in the early 1970's when a mandatory helmet law was first introduced in the state of California. Easy Riders Magazine and a few supportive groups formed an organization which they called ABATE to fight that law, and that fight continues to this day.

Texas ABATE maintains a constant, open flow of information to help keep members current on the political agenda and any upcoming state or federal legislation that could affect motorcyclists, calls to action (CTA) when contact with your Representatives and Senators is needed to protect a freedom, many issues and accomplishments within ABATE of other states and on the federal level by maintaining a working relationship with all state motorcycle rights organizations (SMRO) and the federal motorcycle rights organizations (MRO) as well.

Texas ABATE needs dedicated, determined, intelligent, active people concerned about the threat of the element of the government that would deprive us of our freedoms one by one until motorcycling is a thing of the past. Texas ABATE is an organization that promotes the biker lifestyle with frequent legislative educational workshops, charity events, fundraisers, rallies, benefits, parties, and get-togethers.

Texas motorcyclists are a dedicated and giving group; organizing and participating in various toy runs, food drives, blood drives and benefits

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throughout the state, many lives are touched and enriched each year by the generosity of Texas motorcyclists.

With the determination and dedication of many Texas Motorcyclists all riders have the freedom of choice and with the determination and dedication; freedom of choice will continue to be on the legislative agenda for Texas ABATE.

By being involved, Texas motorcyclists have accomplished;

- Rights to full use of High Occupancy Vehicle (H.O.V.) lanes
- Instituted Handicapped License Plates for motorcycles
- Re-instatement of Motorcycle Education Fund
- Require the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to use the dedicated Motorcycle Education fund to continue to educate riders with beginner and advanced classes.
- Required the Texas Education Agency (TEA) to include information relating to motorcycle awareness, the dangers of failing to yield the right-of-way to a motorcyclist, and the need to Share the

Road with motorcyclists be included in the curriculum of any driver education or driving safety course.

- Revised medical exemptions for Freedom of Choice when wearing helmets or no helmets.
- Require new motorcyclist to take a Motorcycle Safety Course prior to becoming licensed.
- Allow Motorcycle Safety Course attendance for Defensive Driving Course, as a requirement after some traffic offenses.
- Resisting the onset of "No Fault" insurance in Texas.
- Increased penalties for failure to yield violations to a minimum of \$500 if bodily injury is caused.
- Instituted a classification for 3-wheel licensing.
- Created AMSEP (ABATE Motorcycle Safety Education Program) a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation dedicated to safety.