

1.1 Senator ..... moves to amend S.F. No. 5174 as follows:

1.2 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

1.3 "Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 168.1282, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.4 Subdivision 1. **Issuance of plates.** The commissioner must issue "Start Seeing  
1.5 Motorcycles" special license plates or a single motorcycle plate to an applicant who:

1.6 (1) is a registered owner of a passenger automobile, noncommercial one-ton pickup  
1.7 truck, motorcycle, or recreational vehicle;

1.8 (2) pays a fee in the amount specified for special plates under section 168.12, subdivision  
1.9 5, for each set of plates;

1.10 (3) pays the registration tax as required under section 168.013, along with any other fees  
1.11 required by this chapter;

1.12 (4) contributes a minimum of \$10 annually to the motorcycle safety ~~fund~~ account, created  
1.13 under section 171.06, subdivision 2a, ~~paragraph (a), clause (1);~~ and

1.14 (5) complies with this chapter and rules governing registration of motor vehicles and  
1.15 licensing of drivers.

1.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2024.

1.17 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 169.974, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

1.18 Subd. 5. **Driving rules.** (a) An operator of a motorcycle must ride only upon a permanent  
1.19 and regular seat which is attached to the vehicle for that purpose. No other person ~~shall~~ may  
1.20 ride on a motorcycle, except that passengers may ride (1) upon a permanent and regular  
1.21 operator's seat if designed for two persons, (2) upon additional seats attached to or in the  
1.22 vehicle, or (3) in a sidecar attached to the vehicle. The operator of a motorcycle is prohibited  
1.23 from carrying passengers in a number in excess of the designed capacity of the motorcycle  
1.24 or sidecar attached to it. A passenger is prohibited from being carried in a position that  
1.25 interferes with the safe operation of the motorcycle or the view of the operator.

1.26 (b) No person ~~shall~~ may ride upon a motorcycle as a passenger unless the person can  
1.27 reach the footrests or floorboards with both feet.

1.28 (c) Except for passengers of sidecars, drivers and passengers of three-wheeled  
1.29 motorcycles, and persons in an autocycle, no person ~~shall~~ may operate or ride upon a  
1.30 motorcycle except while sitting astride the seat, facing forward, with one leg on either side  
1.31 of the motorcycle.

(d) No person ~~shall~~ may operate a motorcycle while carrying animals, packages, bundles, or other cargo which prevent the person from keeping both hands on the handlebars.

(e) No person ~~shall~~ may operate a motorcycle between lanes of moving or stationary vehicles headed in the same direction, nor ~~shall~~ may any person drive a motorcycle abreast of or overtake or pass another vehicle within the same traffic lane, unless the operator of the motorcycle is traveling at not more than 40 miles per hour and no more than 15 miles per hour over the speed of traffic. Motorcycles may, with the consent of both drivers, be operated not more than two abreast in a single traffic lane if the vehicles fit safely within the designated space of the lane. An operator of a motor vehicle that intentionally impedes or attempts to prevent any operator of a motorcycle from operating a motorcycle as permitted under this paragraph is guilty of a petty misdemeanor.

(f) Motor vehicles including motorcycles are entitled to the full use of a traffic lane and no motor vehicle may be driven or operated in a manner so as to deprive a motorcycle of the full use of a traffic lane.

(g) A person operating a motorcycle upon a roadway must be granted the rights and is subject to the duties applicable to a motor vehicle as provided by law, except as to those provisions which by their nature can have no application.

(h) Paragraph (e) of this subdivision does not apply to police officers in the performance of their official duties.

(i) No person ~~shall~~ may operate a motorcycle on a street or highway unless the headlight or headlights are lighted at all times the motorcycle is so operated.

(j) A person parking a motorcycle on the roadway of a street or highway must:

(1) if parking in a marked parking space, park the motorcycle completely within the marked space; and

(2) park the motorcycle in such a way that the front of the motorcycle is pointed or angled toward the nearest lane of traffic to the extent practicable and necessary to allow the operator to (i) view any traffic in both directions of the street or highway without having to move the motorcycle into a lane of traffic and without losing balance or control of the motorcycle, and (ii) ride the motorcycle forward and directly into a lane of traffic when the lane is sufficiently clear of traffic.

**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2025.

3.1 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 171.06, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

3.2 Subd. 2a. **Two-wheeled vehicle endorsement fee.** (a) In addition to the appropriate fee  
3.3 under subdivision 2, the fee for a two-wheeled vehicle endorsement on a driver's license is:

3.4 (1) \$26.50 for an initial endorsement or a duplicate license obtained for the purpose of  
3.5 adding the endorsement; and

3.6 (2) \$17 for each license renewal with the endorsement.

3.7 (b) The additional fee must be paid into the state treasury and credited as follows:

3.8 (1) \$19 of the additional fee under paragraph (a), clause (1), and \$11 of the additional  
3.9 fee under paragraph (a), clause (2), to the motorcycle safety ~~fund~~ account, which is hereby  
3.10 created in the special revenue fund; and

3.11 (2) the remainder to the general fund.

3.12 (c) All application forms prepared by the commissioner for two-wheeled vehicle  
3.13 endorsements must clearly state the amount of the total fee that is dedicated to the motorcycle  
3.14 safety ~~fund~~ account.

3.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2024.

3.16 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 171.335, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

3.17 Subd. 3. **Appropriation.** (a) All funds in the motorcycle safety ~~fund~~ account created ~~by~~  
3.18 under section 171.06, subdivision 2a, are ~~hereby~~ annually appropriated to the commissioner  
3.19 of public safety to carry out the purposes of subdivisions 1 and 2.

3.20 (b) Of the money appropriated under paragraph (a):

3.21 (1) not more than five percent shall be expended to defray the administrative costs of  
3.22 carrying out the purposes of subdivisions 1 and 2; and

3.23 (2) not more than 65 percent shall be expended for the combined purpose of training  
3.24 and coordinating the activities of motorcycle safety instructors and making reimbursements  
3.25 to schools and other approved organizations.

3.26 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2024.

3.27 Sec. 5. **APPROPRIATION; PUBLIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN; MOTORCYCLE**  
3.28 **LANE SPLITTING.**

3.29 (a) The commissioner of public safety must implement a statewide public education  
3.30 campaign to alert drivers and the public on how motorcycles may safely pass a vehicle

4.1 within the same lane or between parallel lanes. The information must be consistent with the  
4.2 requirements of Minnesota Statutes, section 169.974, subdivision 5.

4.3 (b) \$100,000 in fiscal year 2025 is appropriated from the motorcycle safety account in  
4.4 the special revenue fund to the commissioner of public safety for the purposes of the public  
4.5 education campaign established in paragraph (a). This is a onetime appropriation.

4.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2024."

4.7 Delete the title and insert:

4.8 "A bill for an act  
4.9 relating to transportation; allowing motorcycles to split lanes under certain  
4.10 circumstances; requiring public awareness campaign; appropriating money; making  
4.11 technical changes; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 168.1282,  
4.12 subdivision 1; 169.974, subdivision 5; 171.06, subdivision 2a; 171.335, subdivision  
4.13 3."