

ONTARIO BIKERS NEED YOUR HELP!

Hey Everyone

For those of you that figure the Rights that Bikers can lose don't affect you, it is time to take a look.

You may not have children or grand children, but maybe you want to take one for a ride someday. If this legislation that received first reading on Monday October 27, 2008 becomes law it will never happen again on Ontario Roads. There goes the family vacation by motorcycle!

We in the Sarnia-Lambton Bikers Rights Organization need the help of our fellow bikers in Michigan. It is time that we remind the government once again that this legislation will affect tourism, and since you are people in one of our neighbouring states that fit the bill we figure you could help us out. This Member of Parliament figures she is just doing the best thing so maybe if she and other members of Parliament get a barrage of letters and calls they will defeat this legislation once and for all.

We are not entirely sure what findings her ministry has based this legislation on. In a recent letter to an associate of mine, MPP Jaczek quoted some statistics from the 1995 to 2005 Ontario Road and Safety Association Report (the same reports we researched in-depth). NOWHERE in there were there any fatality statistics for people under the age of 14 during that 10 year span. They do not highlight on that critical point. There have been numerous FATALITY statistics for people under the age of 14 in ALL other areas including pedestrian, off road vehicles, snowmobiles, bicycles, school buses, and of courses passenger cars and trucks during that same 10 year span. Shall we BAN all peoples under the age of 14 from riding in these vehicles? No that would be silly. Perhaps we should look at the statistics that show how often another vehicle is involved in a collision with a motorcycle (how many of these had people under the age of 14 as passengers?) where the motorcycle driver was not at fault.

This bill is scheduled for second reading on December 4 2008. While it could stall in 2nd reading for quite sometime, 3rd reading and Royal Assent is not far away and not a chance we are willing to take, the sooner we can make some noise and defeat this legislation the better.

http://www.ontla.on.ca/web/bills/bills_detail.do?locale=en&BillID=2098

Is the link for this legislation PROPOSAL

Bill 117

An Act to amend the Highway Traffic Act to prohibit the driving and operation of motorcycles with child passengers.

1. The Highway Traffic Act is amended by adding the following section:

Prohibition of passengers under 14 years old on motorcycles

38.1 No person shall drive or operate a motorcycle on a highway if another person under the age of 14 years is a passenger on the motorcycle.

Explanatory Note

The Bill amends the Highway Traffic Act to prohibit driving or operating a motorcycle on a highway while a person under the age of 14 is a passenger on the motorcycle, with a view to promoting safety on Ontario's roads and protecting youth from preventable injuries.

While a simple phone call to the MPP who proposed this with a simple statement of who you are and that you are against the legislation Ms. Helena Jaczek has proposed is a start. Or an email to her could work I have also included some other MPP (Members of Provincial Parliament) that would be as good or maybe even better to contact.

Some of these Contacts are MPP's in the main Border towns along the Michigan and Ontario border.

If you write a letter to all or any of these contacts and they respond please keep us informed on the results.

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As a tourist you do have a say. The American dollar is once again dwarfing the Canadian dollar. The economic pressure that can be exerted by you is immeasurable. Now is the time to strongly voice your concerns.

Thank You for your help in advance.

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