

## **HOUSE BILL 516: Motorcycle Road Guard Safety Act.**

This Bill Analysis reflects the contents of the bill as it was presented in committee.

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OVERVIEW: The Proposed Committee Substitute (PCS) to House Bill 516 would create the motorcycle road guard certification program and authorize motorcycle road guard certificate holders to direct traffic on approved routes.

## **BILL ANALYSIS:**

The PCS would allow a person who holds a motorcycle road guard certificate to direct traffic while escorting a motorcycle group if (i) that person meets the safety and equipment standards specified by the motorcycle road guard certification program and (ii) the route has received approval from the chief of police of each municipality though which the group is proceeding, and where the route is outside a city, from the sheriff of each county through which the motorcycle group is proceeding.

The PCS would direct the Division of Motor Vehicles ("Division") to establish the motorcycle road guard certificate program. The program would be required to do the following:

- Establish qualifications for a person to obtain the certificate, including that the person be at least 18 years old, possesses a valid regular drivers license with a motorcycle endorsement, and has completed a motorcycle road guard certification course.
- Develop and offer a motorcycle road guard certification and certification refresher course.
- Establish safety and equipment standards for a motorcycle road guard while directing traffic.
- Establish procedures enabling a police chief or sheriff to ensure the validity of a person's motorcycle road guard certification.

A motorcycle road guard certificate shall expire after two years, and the Division shall require periodic refresher training for renewal of the certificate. The Division is authorized to charge a fee for a motorcycle road guard certification and the motorcycle road guard certification renewal.

The Division would be required to adopt rules and carry out the provisions of this act.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This act would become effective December 1, 2025.

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