

Region 11 Meeting

August 28, 2019

- Meeting called to order @ 7:06
- The Pledge of Allegiance

Legislation:

ABATE Priorities for 2019 Legislative Session:

Grab a copy of the Legislative agenda, put out by Jim Rhodes, and the state that outlines ABATE priorities for bills this session. Still need sponsors for legislation; preferably Republican sponsors, only because Republicans control both houses of state legislature and Democrats will have a hard time getting any bills through, unless working with Republicans on bills. So if your rep is a Democrat (like both of mine) ask them if they would be willing to work with a republican on the bills

Right now, top priority for legislature and governor is getting budgets done. Contingency plans are being put in place for a state government shutdown on 10.1.19, so if you have an business at the SOS office, i.e. license plate tabs, registrations, etc., make sure to get it done before 10.1.19 just in case of the shutdown. SOS is not considered to be "critical personnel" so in the event of a shutdown they will be closed until the government opens again. Governor will not give up her \$0.46 gas tax demand, and the republicans in the legislature do not want to give it to her. Stalemate that unless resolved, will result in state government shutdown.

Current Bill:

HB4812 – Insurance priority – Bill changes the order of priority for insurers to pay, in the event of a motorcycle/car accident. Currently, the new law only provides for coverage up to the PIP liability amount chosen by the car driver. HB4812 makes the motorcyclist's motorcycle insurance the FIRST priority in an accident; means if the motorcyclist chooses to carry unlimited PIP on his motorcycle insurance policy, that policy would pay first in the event of an accident; not the policy of the car driver. It is imperative we get this bill passed before July 2020, when new law takes effect. Know that insurance companies will fight this. Bill was introduced 7.18.19, read a first time and sent to the Committee on Insurance. As of this date, this bill is still in committee.

Can't stress it enough; legislators need to hear from us on this new insurance reform that was passed. As it is now, motorcyclists will suffer under the law as it stands. Contact your reps and tell them it is unacceptable, and this bill needs to be passed. Dondi Vespini is working with the state to fix this bill so that it fixes even more of the current problems; however since the bill

was sponsored by a Democrat, there isn't much chance of it coming out of committee unless Republicans jump on board. Jim Rhodes, Dondi, Vince and others are working with the majority party leaders in order to get this bill, or something very similar through the legislature.

New Business

Upcoming rides and events: 8th – Chickys Boobapalooza

15th – Sunshine for Shelby

22nd – Summer Tour final run & party

Meeting ended 7:42 pm