

Region 11 Meeting

10-25-17

- Meeting called to order at 7:06 pm
- The Pledge of Allegiance led by Chuck K.
- Legislation Report read by Alice;
 - Current Abate Legislation:
 - Senate Bill 575 – Increase motorcycle operator license fee
Introduced by Sen. Tom Casperson (R) on September 18, 2017 to increase the fee to get and renew a driver’s license “motorcycle endorsement” required to drive motorcycles on public roads. Per Abate Legislative conference call on 10-2-17 this bill was introduced because the SOS office now says it does not have the computer hardware/software to implement the law created under HB4306. This bill was introduced to push back the effective date to 2020 in order to allow the SOS’s office to get the necessary hardware/software. Abate is trying to stall this bill, because it is the position of Abate HB4306 should be implemented as it was passed. This bill was passed out of the Transportation Committee on 10-24-17 and will now be voted on by the full Senate.

 - **HB4480** – Motorcycle Handlebar Height; modify from 15 inches to 30 inches. Still in Transportation & Infrastructure committee; no change in bill status to this date.
 - **SB – 568** – Senate version of the bill; shortened to 1 paragraph, introduced & referred to Transportation committee on 9.13.17. No change in bill status as of this date.
 - **Hb4466** – Distracted driving; prohibits using hand-held devices while driving. Clarifies what “distracted” is, and also specifies vehicles manufactured with “hands-free” are exempt from the ban. Still Transportation & Infrastructure committee. No change in bill status as of this date.

House Bill 4919: Give “motorcycle processions” same right of way as funerals.
Introduced by Rep. Tom Barrett (R) on September 12, 2017. Gives “motor cycle

processions” the same right of way as funeral processions, which means that other drivers must allow the entire procession to pass before entering or crossing traffic. The bill does not define “motorcycle procession”. Sent to House Transportation & Infrastructure committee. No change in status of this bill as of this date.

House Bill 4997: Eliminate ORV helmet mandate

Introduced by Rep. Jeff Noble (R) on September 20, 2017. To eliminate a helmet mandate on adults operating an off-road vehicle. Introduced and referred to Transportation Infrastructure Committee on September 20, 2017. No change in bill status of this date.

Senate Bill 552: Increase annual ORV tax – Introduced by Sen. Goeff Hansen (R) on September 13, 2017. Increases the annual off-road vehicle license tax from \$16.25 to \$26.25 for a license that does not authorize operation on state ORV trails, and \$36.25 for one that does. If no action is taken the tax expires in 2019, and the bill would delay this until 2024. Voted out of committee and sent to the Senate for full vote. Passed the Senate on 10.5.17; sent to the House, on the same day, and read a first in the House, also on 10.5.17. Referred to House Tourism & Outdoor Recreation committee.

Status of other ABATE bills can be found at state website, under Legislative Reports, on the Legislative page.

- December 10th is our Christmas Party and our Annual Broomstick Tournament and Chili Cook-off, being held at Total Sports in Harrison Twp. at 1 pm.
- We sent \$500.00 to the State to be Platinum. We will get a rocker at the Seminar.
- All board members want to stay another year. We need some Area Coordinators to get donations and to take flyers to our shops.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:11pm