



For Immediate Release
July 14, 2008

Contact: Capt. Mark Welch
(850) 617-2301

Motorcyclist Licensure & Endorsement Fact Sheet

- As of July 1, 2008, all motorcyclists are required by law to take and pass the Basic Rider Course for licensure and endorsement.
- As estimated by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, in 2006, Florida reported more than 846,000 individuals endorsed to ride motorcycles in the state. During the conspicuity campaign, law enforcement and motorcyclists will gather in an effort to promote the safety and awareness of these riders.
- To operate a motorcycle in the state of Florida with an engine of more than 50 cc, you are required to have either a **motorcycle-only license** or an **endorsement** on your driver license.
- To obtain a motorcycle-only license you must:
 - Be at least 16 years old, and if under 18, hold learner's license for one year with no traffic convictions.
 - Pass a knowledge test for a regular Class E operator's driver license.
 - Complete and pass the Basic Rider Course.
- If you are interested in a license that permits you to drive both a motor vehicle and motorcycle, you must obtain an endorsement on your driver license. This requires that you:
 - Hold at least a regular Class E operator's driver license.
 - Show proof of completion of the Basic Rider Course
- If you currently have a motorcycle-only license or endorsement, you will be required to comply with this new law when you update your annual registration.
- Penalties for licensure/endorsement non-compliance include: ticket, fine, court requirement to attend the Basic Rider Course and impounding of your motorcycle.
- For a list of schools offering the Basic Rider Course visit <http://motorcycles.hsmv.state.fl.us/>

Making Changes that Matter to You

###