



HB 1427

2003

1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to the operation of motorcycles; amending
3 s. 316.209, F.S.; providing that certain prohibitions
4 concerning the operation of motorcycles do not apply to
5 firefighters in the performance of their official duties;
6 providing an effective date.

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8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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10 Section 1. Section 316.209, Florida Statutes, is amended
11 to read:

12 316.209 Operating motorcycles on roadways laned for
13 traffic.--

14 (1) All motorcycles are entitled to full use of a lane and
15 no motor vehicle shall be driven in such manner as to deprive
16 any motorcycle of the full use of a lane. This subsection shall
17 not apply to motorcycles operated two abreast in a single lane.

18 (2) The operator of a motorcycle shall not overtake and
19 pass in the same lane occupied by the vehicle being overtaken.

20 (3) No person shall operate a motorcycle between lanes of
21 traffic or between adjacent lines or rows of vehicles.

22 (4) Motorcycles shall not be operated more than two
23 abreast in a single lane.

24 (5) Subsections (2) and (3) do ~~shall~~ not apply to police
25 officers or firefighters in the performance of their official
26 duties.

27 (6) A violation of this section is a noncriminal traffic
28 infraction, punishable as a moving violation as provided in
29 chapter 318.

30 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.