



STATE OF MICHIGAN
RUTH JOHNSON, SECRETARY OF STATE
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 6, 2015

TO: Teen Driver Education Providers

FROM: Driver Education Section
Driver Programs Division

SUBJECT: **Additional Resources – Nathan Bower Act**

Public Act 317 of 2014, known as the “Nathan Bower Act,” was passed on October 2, 2014. This legislation amends section 37 (MCL 256.657) of the Driver Education Provider and Instructor Act to include the following language:

“Classroom instruction shall include information concerning the laws pertaining to bicycles and motorcycles and shall emphasize awareness of their operation on the streets, roads, and highways of this state.”

The Nathan Bower Act becomes effective on March 20, 2015. This law does not require changes to classroom lessons, as the ADTSEA 3.0 curriculum and approved alternative curriculums presently include information on bicycles and motorcycles.

The Secretary of State recognizes the importance of emphasizing awareness of bicycles and motorcycles and their operation on the streets, roads, and highways. In support of this new law, the Driver Education Section has developed a list of resources. Providers are encouraged to use these resources in the classroom, distribute materials, and become familiar with the listed organizations and their missions. The resources can be accessed online through the links provided on the accompanying page. Please contact our office about hard-copy publications available for distribution.

If you have any questions, you may contact us by telephone at (517) 241-6850 or by email at [drived@michigan.gov](mailto:drived@chicago.gov).



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EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES FOR BICYCLE AND MOTORCYCLE SAFETY

Bicycles

To use in the classroom:

- *What Every Driver Must Know* (SOS-133, v. 2014) pages 58, 64-66, 89, [Link to website](#)
- *What Every Michigan Driver Should Know About Bicycle Lanes* (Dept. of Transportation), [Link to website](#)
- *What Every Michigan Bicyclist Must Know: Tips for Riding Legally and Safely*, [Link to website](#)
- *Be a Safe Cyclist* brochure (Office of Highway Safety Planning), [Link to website](#)
- Dept. of Transportation Share the Road PSA, [Link to website](#)
- Dept. of Transportation Northwestern Highway Bicycle Lane: A Safer Place to Ride (Buffered Bike Lanes) video, [Link to website](#)
- Dept. of Transportation & Dept. of State Bicycling Safety video, [Link to website](#)
- Bike Safety – Sharing the Road (AAA video), [Link to website](#)
- Bicycle Safer Journey: Ages 15-18 video and discussion guide, [Link to website](#)
- *Bicycle and Pedestrian Terminology* publication (Dept. of Transportation), [Link to website](#)

Websites:

- Dept. of State Vehicle Safety website, [Link to website](#)
- Dept. of Transportation Bicycling website, [Link to website](#)
- League of Michigan Bicyclists, [Link to website](#)
- National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Bicycles, [Link to website](#)
- Pedestrian and Bicycle Information Center: Educating Children Aged 13 to 17, [Link to website](#)
- Share MI Roads, [Link to website](#)
- The Greenway Collaborative WalkBike.Info Central, [Link to website](#)

Motorcycles

To use in the classroom:

- *What Every Driver Must Know* (SOS-133, v. 2014) pages 58, 64-66, 89, [Link to website](#)
- *Michigan Motorcycle Operator Manual* (SOS-116), [Link to website](#)
- *Motorcycle Safety Palm Card* (SOS-423), [Link to website](#)
- *Start Seeing Motorcycles* brochure (Office of Highway Safety Planning), [Link to website](#)
- Motorcycle Safety Foundation Quick Tips–*Ten Things All Car & Truck Drivers Should Know about Motorcycles*, [Link to website](#)
- Motorcycle Safety Foundation Quick Tips – *Should you Ride a Motorcycle*, [Link to website](#)
- Dept. of State /Dept. of Transportation /State Police Motorcycle Safety PSA video, [Link to website](#)
- Dept. of State & Office of Highway Safety Planning High-Visibility Gear video, [Link to website](#)
- A Second Look video by Washington Motorcycle Safety Program, [Link to website](#)
 - Companion learning materials found online at: [Link to website](#)
- Motorcycle Safety Foundation Cars, Motorcycles & a Common Road video, [Link to website](#)
- Motorcycle Safety Foundation Intersection Kit available for purchase, [Link to website](#)

Websites:

- Dept. of State Motorcycling website, [Link to website](#)
- Michigan Traffic Crash Facts, [Link to website](#)
- Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF), [Link to website](#)
- National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Motorcycles, [Link to website](#)
- American Bikers Aiming Toward Education (ABATE) of Michigan, [Link to website](#)
 - Contact Rod “Hot Rod” Beaton, Awareness Coordinator, by emailing hotrodbeaton@gmail.com
- Skilled Motorcyclist Association Responsible, Trained and Educated Riders (SMARTER), [Link to website](#)

*All hyperlinks active as of **08/24/2016**.

Please contact the Driver Education Section by email if you come across a broken link – drivered@michigan.gov