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MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 22, 2016
TO: Motorcycle Training Sponsors
FROM: Michigan Motorcycle Rider Safety Training Program
Driver Programs Division
SUBJECT: **Three-Wheeled Motorcycle Policy - Slingshot**

The Polaris Slingshot has some features of an autocyce, but under current Michigan law, the Slingshot—and any similar vehicle—is classified as a three-wheeled motorcycle. Therefore, any person operating one must have a motorcycle endorsement.

The Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) current policy is that the Three-Wheeled Basic Rider Course (3WBRC) does not accommodate the Slingshot body style. Therefore, the Michigan Motorcycle Rider Training Program will not accept the Polaris Slingshot, and any similar vehicle, in the 3WBRC's offered at our program sites.

If a customer contacts you to obtain their motorcycle endorsement on this type of vehicle, please inform them that they will need to take a skills test through a Third Party Testing Organization. For more information about the skills test, customers can be directed to the department web page at www.michigan.gov/motorcycletest.

A person using the Slingshot for the skills test would qualify for a motorcycle endorsement with a restriction limited to operation of a three-wheeled motorcycle (including a Slingshot).

If you have any questions, you may contact us by telephone at (517) 241-6850 or by email at motorcycling@michigan.gov.