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Oregon Motorcycle Safety Program

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Good afternoon.

How many of you have your motorcycle curriculum or training program provider specifically noted in state statute or administrative rule?

If you do, please respond yes (and whether in statute or rule). If not, no.

Also, does your curriculum specify the number of classroom and/or range hours? If so, how many?

Thanks!

#### NEBRASKA

For Nebraska, under the statutory provision of the State Motorcycle Safety Education Act, the Department of Motor Vehicles is responsible to 60-2125. Motorcycle safety courses; requirements.

(1) The department may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations establishing minimum requirements for both basic and advanced motorcycle safety courses. The courses shall be designed to develop, instill, and improve the knowledge and skills necessary for safe operation of a motorcycle.

(2) The motorcycle safety courses shall be designed to teach either a novice motorcycle rider knowledge and basic riding skills or to refresh the knowledge and riding skills of motorcycle riders necessary for the safe and legal operation of a motorcycle on the highways of this state. Every motorcycle safety course shall be conducted at a site with room for a driving course designed to allow motorcycle riders to practice the knowledge and skills necessary for safe motorcycle operation.

The number of classroom and range hours were previously in statute but were removed in 2009 to allow changing course development when needed.

~Fred Zwonechek

#### VIRGINIA

Michele, here is VA statue,

46.2-1190.1. Curricula requirements.

A. The curriculum used in a novice rider-training course to train novice riders shall be approved by the Department. Each participant enrolled in a novice rider-training course shall receive no less than the minimum number of hours of classroom and on-cycle instruction as specified in the current approved curriculum.

All novice rider courses shall include a module on the effects of alcohol and other drugs on motorcycle operation, and a thorough review of Virginia laws and rules of the road applicable to motorcycles. All

novice rider course participants shall be provided one copy of the course textbook and one copy of the Virginia Motorcycle Operator Manual. During the on-cycle instruction no more than six students may be under the supervision of any one instructor at any one time. No more than 12 students may operate motorcycles on the same range at the same time.

~Bruce Biondo

#### **VERMONT**

Here is the VT statute.

In establishing standards for the motorcycle rider training program, the department (DMV) shall be guided by any existing national standards for such programs, including standards of the Motorcycle Safety Foundation.

~Paul Graves

#### **RHODE ISLAND**

Attached is RI's law

Respectfully,

~Despina Metakos

#### **MINNESOTA**

Minnesota rules list a specific curriculum and also general curriculum guidelines. The specific curriculum listed is the MSF BRC, or we can use another curriculum if it meets the general guidelines. The general curriculum guidelines specify four hours for classroom training and ten hours for range training.

~Bill Shaffer

#### **MARYLAND**

Under Maryland Vehicle Law § 16-602. Created; purpose; funding.

(a) Created. - There is a Motorcycle Safety Program as a part of the Highway Safety Program of this State.

(b) Purpose. - The purpose of the Motorcycle Safety Program is to improve the safety of motorcyclists through programs of cyclist training to improve rider skills and to generally provide for a public awareness effort that will benefit all highway users.

(c) Funding. - The Program shall be funded as provided in the State budget.

Our regulations do not specify the number of classroom and range hours. Regards.

~Phil Sause

## CONNECTICUT

Yes, State Statute says an applicant must complete a novice motorcycle safety course prior to issuance of a motorcycle endorsement. The course may be taken at any firm or organization that conducts such a course using Motorcycle Safety Foundation OR other safety or educational organization that has developed a curriculum approved by the commissioner.

~Nicholas Just

## NEVADA

In Nevada statutes it refers to the "Program for the Education of Motorcycle Riders". Our name, Nevada Rider Motorcycle Safety Program, is not mentioned. NRS 486.373

Note: Nevada contracts with colleges and authorizes private providers.

The training curriculum must be approved by the Director of DPS and it must meet or exceed requirements by a nationally recognized public or private organization. (in our case, MSF) NRS 486.374

Regarding training hours the statute says, "At least 8 hours of instruction in the actual operation of a motorcycle for inexperienced operators and at least 4 hours of instruction in the actual operation of a motorcycle for experienced operators". NRS 486.374

~Pete Vander Aa

## MICHIGAN

Hello, Michele O'Leary,

Michigan specifies course hours and curriculum in our promulgated rules, which I have listed below for you. Please let me know if you have any questions.

R 257.1706 Hours of classroom instruction.

Rule 6. (1) There shall be not less than 7 clock hours of classroom instruction. Not more than 4 hours of consecutive classroom instruction per day per student shall be allowed.

(2) As an alternative, a motorcycle safety education sponsor may offer a program of classroom instruction that is based on the attainment of competency. A minimum of 3 hours of classroom instruction is required to attain educational competency. Educational competency shall be based on student performance standards established by the national motorcycle safety foundation which are adopted by reference in R 257.1717.

(3) Classroom and range riding experience shall be integrated and correlated into the curriculum. History: 1989 MR 8, Eff. Aug. 25, 1989.

R 257.1707 Riding experience.

Rule 7. (1) There shall be not less than 8 clock hours per student of range riding experience. An additional 2 clock hours of on-street riding experience may be provided.

(2) As an alternative, a sponsor may offer a riding experience program that is based on the attainment of competency. A minimum of 4 hours of riding experience is required to attain riding competency. Riding competency shall be based on student performance standards that meet the standards established by

the national motorcycle safety foundation which are adopted by reference in R 257.1717.

(3) Simulator devices shall not be used as a substitute for riding experience.

(4) Range riding shall be supervised by a certified instructor. The student-instructor ratio shall not be more than 8 students to 1 instructor.

History: 1989 MR 8, Eff. Aug. 25, 1989.

R 257.1717 Standards.

Rule 17. The national motorcycle safety foundation standards entitled "Motorcycle Rider Course", January, 1989, are adopted by reference in these rules. Copies of the standards may be obtained from the Motorcycle Safety Foundation, 2 Jenner Street, Suite 150, Irvine, California 92718-3800, at a cost of \$35.00 as of the time these rules are adopted. Copies are also available for inspection and distribution to the public at cost from the Michigan Department of Education, P.O. Box 30008, Lansing, Michigan 48909.

History: 1989 MR 8, Eff. Aug. 25, 1989.

**~Joe Kelly**