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3 By Senator Waggoner
4 RFD: Commerce, Transportation, and Utilities
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7 A BILL
8 TO BE ENTITLED
9 AN ACT

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11 To amend Sections 32-5A-240 and 32-12-22 of the Code
12 of Alabama 1975, relating to motorcycles and motor-driven
13 cycles, to further provide for the issuance of Class M
14 motorcycle licenses, including Class M motorcycle licenses
15 with a motor-driven cycle restriction, and Class M
16 endorsements on driver's licenses; and to require a knowledge
17 test under certain conditions.

18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

19 Section 1. Sections 32-5A-240 and 32-12-22 of the
20 Code of Alabama 1975, are amended to read as follows:

21 "§32-5A-240.

22 "(a) Every person operating a motorcycle shall be
23 granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the
24 duties applicable to the driver of any other vehicle under
25 this chapter, except as to special regulations in this article
26 and except as to those provisions of this chapter which by
27 their nature can have no application.

1 "(b) After the effective date of the act adding this
2 subsection, a person who is under the age of 19 shall have a
3 Class M endorsement on his or her driver's license or have a
4 Class M motorcycle license in order to operate a motorcycle or
5 a motor-driven cycle. Except as otherwise provided for a Class
6 M motorcycle license restricted to a motor-driven cycle, a
7 Class M endorsement or a Class M motorcycle license may be
8 issued to a person age 16 or older. A Class M motorcycle
9 license restricted to a motor-driven cycle may be issued to a
10 person age 14 or older.

11 "(c) Effective on the effective date of the act
12 adding this subsection, any person who is under the age of 19
13 and who does not have a Class M endorsement on his or her
14 driver's license or who does not have a Class M motorcycle
15 license shall be required to successfully pass a motorcycle
16 knowledge test designated by the Department of Public Safety
17 in order to have a motorcycle Class M endorsement on his or
18 her driver's license or to receive a Class M motorcycle
19 license.

20 "(d) The provisions of Section 32-6-7.2 relating to
21 the hours of operation of a motor vehicle by persons under age
22 18 shall apply to any person under the age of 18 operating a
23 motorcycle or motor-driven cycle without regard to the length
24 of time the person has been licensed to operate a motorcycle
25 or a motor-driven cycle, but the person shall be subject to
26 any other exception in Section 32-6-7.2. In addition, the
27 person shall be subject to the suspension of his or her

1 driver's license or Class M motorcycle license, including a
2 Class M motorcycle license restricted to a motor-driven cycle,
3 for a conviction under subsection (d) of Section 32-6-7.2.

4 "§32-12-22.

5 ~~"Every person, except a person holding a driver's~~
6 ~~license issued under authority of Chapter 6 of this title,~~
7 ~~before operating any motor-driven cycle upon a public highway~~
8 ~~in this state, shall register it with the Director of Public~~
9 ~~Safety and procure an operator's license. Operators' licenses~~
10 ~~shall be issued under and be governed by the provisions of~~
11 ~~Chapter 6 of this title; except, that such a license shall be~~
12 ~~issued to any person 14 years of age and older if such a~~
13 ~~person can satisfy the Director of Public Safety or an~~
14 ~~examining officer that he or she is competent to operate a~~
15 ~~motor-driven cycle with safety to persons and to property.~~

16 "A Class M motorcycle license with a motor-driven
17 cycle restriction may be issued to any person 14 years of age
18 and older only if the person can pass a motorcycle knowledge
19 test designated by the Department of Public Safety."

20 Section 2. This act shall become effective
21 immediately following its passage and approval by the
22 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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Yeas 28
Nays 1

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Secretary