

1 SJR17
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3 By Senators Brewbaker, Williams, Waggoner, Fielding, Ward,
4 Reed, Dial, Taylor, Allen, and Scofield
5 RFD:
6 First Read: 03-MAR-11

8 URGING THE ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO
9 DISPLAY THE LEGEND "WATCH FOR MOTORCYCLES" ON ROADSIDE TRAFFIC
10 ADVISORY SIGNAGE DURING THE MONTH OF MAY 2011.

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12 WHEREAS, the Alabama Legislature finds a compelling
13 public interest in encouraging motorists in Alabama to be
14 vigilant for the presence of motorcycles on roadways, so as to
15 avoid traffic accidents and fatalities; and

16 WHEREAS, studies have shown that operators of
17 automobiles tend to be less aware of the presence of
18 non-four-wheeled vehicles in their vicinity and that
19 two-thirds of motorcycle accidents involve a motorcycle and a
20 four-wheeled vehicle; and

21 WHEREAS, the National Highway Traffic Safety
22 Administration has declared May "Motorcycle Awareness Month";
23 it is the desire of this Legislature to join the NHTSA in
24 raising awareness of the growing number of motorcyclists on
25 Alabama's roadways, in order to prevent accidents and save
26 lives; now therefore,

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
2 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby urge and exhort the
3 Alabama Department of Transportation to direct that all
4 available roadside traffic advisory signage display the legend
5 "Watch for Motorcycles" throughout the month of May 2011, in
6 the absence of any intervening circumstance or more urgent
7 message to display.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
9 resolution will be provided to the Director of the Alabama
10 Department of Transportation.