**ABATE OF NEW YORK STATE Legislative Report**

I hope everyone is looking forward to a great riding year. So many events going on in every area around the state. Please support everyone that you can.

I’d like to thank our chapters and members for posting our current position papers and letter templates. Hopefully we have reached Albany and our legislators. We must get letters written and sent to Albany to increase awareness. Also, by visiting the New York State Senate and Assembly website you can voice your opinion by emailing directly to you elected representative. We can make a difference.

A quick update on our current Bills We Support, and Bills We Oppose is that as of March 18th there has been no change. Many are still in committee and have not been put on the schedule to be voted on. That doesn’t mean it can happen overnight. Just like the "Stop Loud and Excessive Exhaust Pollution Act," or SLEEP Act. The Sleep Act has been troublesome. Covid did not help, essentially cutting off communication with Albany from in person meetings. This legislation was introduced in January 2021. Originally it was proposed by Senator Gounardes of South Brooklyn. Also, a NYC Councilman was promoting some action to be taken. It had passed the Senate and Assembly unfortunately with legislative friends we all have . It was never sent to Governor Cuomo’s desk for Veto or Approval. FYI Governor Cuomo rides a Harley and has muscle cars. His signature was unlikely. After the Governor change it went to Governor Hochul’s desk and she signed it one month after becoming Governor. Hardly what many expected . Old news now.

. Sadly Albany has their priorities out of line with people’s lives. Fatalities and Personal Injury for the motorcycle community is at and all time high. We have to deal with it and be diligent working with our elected officials in Albany. We all must do our part. Per NYS DMV Nov. 2021 there are 343,000 registered motorcycles in NYS and still 744,000 licenses on record. We have clout and influence if we act as one.

We need you to send our displeasure with the passing of this law and remind them that this is an election year. We are hopeful that the SLEEP act can be repealed or amended to be more reasonable.

Recently you may have been seeing 2 proposed laws being promoted. We have had much discussion at our recent state meeting and believe we should be supporting A7032 and S6202. These similar versions relate to fines and penalties to make negligent drivers accountable for their actions. Vulnerable users of the road, bicyclists, pedestrians and domestic animals would have a voice speaking for them. Fines would be increased and mandatory training to get a license would be in place. We are hopeful that with our support we can promote the Creto/Kade Law or at the very least be able to possibly piggyback support pertaining to motorcycle fatalities and Personal injury accidents caused by negligent, non -attentive drivers. Please check the state website and Facebook page for more information or your local chapter posts. Also, the www.lookbeforeyouleft.com link should get you to the petition area. Please support it.

Please check these things out. If you need any information, please contact us or your chapter officers. We will do our best to keep everyone up to date. Our website has links to find your elected Senate and Assembly people as well as sample letters that can be used.

**And please help us help you**. Join ABATE of New York today. We have 17 chapters across New York State with regional coordinators in most areas. You do not have to join a local chapter. you can simply be a member of ABATE of New York State. Hope to hear from you. Our Website is www.abateny.org

Regards and Sincerely:

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