



## **ABATE of NY Legislative Position Paper – March 27, 2025**

**A1788/S2061** – Provides for certain presumptions for reckless driving and the implementation of a reckless driving and vehicular violence awareness component of the pre-licensing course for a driver's license.

By introducing presumptions for reckless driving, this bill aims to hold accountable those who endanger others through their actions behind the wheel. Additionally, integrating a vehicular violence awareness component into the pre-licensing course underscores the importance of fostering a culture of responsibility and respect among drivers. ABATE of NY believes that such initiatives will not only enhance road safety but also contribute to a more informed and conscientious driving community. Through education and awareness, ABATE of NY seeks to reduce the incidence of reckless driving and vehicular violence, ultimately creating safer roads for all users in New York State.

A1788 referred to Transportation Committee on 1/14/25.

S2061 referred to Transportation Committee on 1/15/25

**A6063/S4423** - Provides for the types of damages that may be awarded to the persons for whose benefit an action for wrongful death is brought.

The Grieving Families Act helps ensure justice for the families of those who are wrongfully killed by the acts of others, including riders killed by negligent drivers. This important legislation provides surviving families the ability to seek fair compensation for their pain and suffering, addressing the emotional and financial hardships that come with such a devastating loss. By expanding the definition of "family" to include not only traditional relatives but also those who have close, dependent relationships with the deceased, the Grieving Families Act recognizes the wide-ranging impact of such tragedies. This bill is crucial for holding negligent drivers accountable and providing much-needed support to those left behind.

A6063 referred to Judiciary Committee on 2/26/25

S4423 advanced to third reading on 3/3/25



**A9/S2436** – Prohibits the sale of ATVs and off-highway motorcycles in the city of New York; provides enforcement mechanisms and penalties.

Such a blanket ban would unjustly restrict the rights of individuals to own and enjoy these recreational vehicles within city limits. While ABATE of NY acknowledges the need for responsible use and regulation of these vehicles to ensure public safety, it argues that a total ban is an overreaching measure that penalizes law-abiding enthusiasts. Rather than outright prohibition, ABATE of NY advocates for comprehensive education, training, and enforcement initiatives to promote safe and responsible ATV and off-highway motorcycle use.

Assembly – referred to Cities Committee on 3/20/25 (no bill number as of 3/27/25)  
S2436 passed Senate on 3/20/25.

**A966/S2308** – Relates to motorcycle awareness on state highways by affixing signs stating “Watch for Motorcycles.”

By advocating for the installation of motorcycle awareness signs on state highways, ABATE aims to promote mutual respect and understanding between motorcyclists and other drivers. These signs serve as valuable reminders for motorists to remain vigilant and share the road responsibly, ultimately reducing the risk of collisions and injuries involving motorcycles.

A966 referred to Transportation Committee on 1/8/25.  
S2308 referred to Transportation Committee on 1/16/25.

**A2552/S3156** – Makes certain exceptions for violations pertaining to certain mufflers and exhaust systems.

This bill proposes essential exceptions for violations related to specific exhaust systems on motorcycles and other vehicles. By allowing for reasonable exceptions, A36/S3332 ensures that motorcyclists can enjoy the freedom to choose exhaust systems that meet both legal standards and their individual preferences without facing undue penalties.

A2552 referred to Transportation Committee on 1/17/25.  
S3156 referred to Transportation Committee on 1/23/25.



**A5693/S4370** – Provides for congestion pricing for motorcycles in the central business district.

Motorcycles reduce congestion and environmental impact, as they obviously take up less space and generate less emissions as compared to cars powered by internal combustion. These facts make motorcycles a more efficient and “cleaner” transportation option, and discounting the tolls on them in the central business district encourages their use over larger, less efficient vehicles.

A5693 referred to Corporations, Authorities, and Commissions Committee on 2/20/25.  
S4370 referred to Transportation Committee on 2/4/25.