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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Motorcyclists across the country and in Illinois
3 provide numerous benefits to communities across the State and
4 participate in various activities including parades, memorial
5 services, and demonstrations; and

6 WHEREAS, Motorcyclists often know and abide by the rules of
7 the road for operating a motorcycle and would have an advantage
8 in helping mediate traffic patterns between motorcycles and
9 other vehicles; and

10 WHEREAS, Often at events with a heavy motorcycle presence
11 there are issues involving the directing of traffic of all
12 vehicles, including the motorcycles themselves, and often
13 motorcyclists volunteer to direct traffic to ensure there are
14 no accidents or injuries; and

15 WHEREAS, A special motorcycle crossing guard program would
16 allow the State Police to officially train and certify
17 motorcyclists on the Rules of the Road, traffic safety,
18 directing traffic, and in the duties involved with being a
19 crossing guard; and

20 WHEREAS, Motorcyclists, if trained under a special
21 motorcycle crossing guard program, may be allowed to perform

1 the duties of a crossing guard during special events that have
2 a motorcycle presence; and

3 WHEREAS, A special motorcycle crossing guard program would
4 benefit both the police authority and motorist by providing
5 safety in directing traffic during special events that have a
6 motorcycle presence; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
8 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
9 the Illinois State Police shall conduct a study on the
10 feasibility of creating and implementing a special motorcycle
11 crossing guard program and shall issue a report with its
12 recommendations to the General Assembly by July 15, 2012; and
13 be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the study must include, but not be limited
15 to, the following:

16 (1) an examination of current, related law, including,
17 but not limited to, laws regarding funeral processions and
18 funeral crossing guards;

19 (2) how to make the training program cost neutral to
20 the State of Illinois;

21 (3) a proper definition of "special event";

22 (4) consideration of a zero tolerance drug and alcohol
23 use policy;

1 (5) the necessity of liability insurance; and
2 (6) the need for a uniform or visible, physical
3 indicator that shows a motorcycle crossing guard is trained
4 and qualified; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to the Director of the Illinois State Police and the
7 State Coordinator of A.B.A.T.E. Illinois.