



## 98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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HB1539

by Rep. Kenneth Dunkin

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/11-203

from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-203

625 ILCS 5/11-203.5 new

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Adds a provision allowing the Secretary of State to certify individuals as Motorcycle Road Guards. Provides that Motorcycle Road Guards are empowered to stop and direct traffic for the purpose of protecting and facilitating a motorcycle group ride. Provides minimum qualifications for certification as a Motorcycle Road Guard. Empowers the Secretary of State to adopt additional requirements and regulations for the implementation and enforcement of this Section. Amends the provision on obedience to traffic control officers to include Motorcycle Road Guards as an authority that vehicular traffic must obey. Effective July 1, 2013.

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1 AN ACT concerning transportation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by changing  
5 Section 11-203 and by adding Section 11-203.5 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/11-203) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-203)

7 Sec. 11-203. Obedience to police officers. No person shall  
8 wilfully fail or refuse to comply with any lawful order or  
9 direction of any police officer, fireman, motorcycle road  
10 guard, or school crossing guard invested by law with authority  
11 to direct, control, or regulate traffic. Any person convicted  
12 of violating this Section is guilty of a petty offense and  
13 shall be subject to a mandatory fine of \$150.

14 (Source: P.A. 90-749, eff. 1-1-99.)

15 (625 ILCS 5/11-203.5 new)

16 Sec. 11-203.5. Motorcycle road guards.

17 (a) A person may act as a motorcycle road guard if the  
18 person:

19 (1) holds a motorcycle road guard certificate issued by  
20 the Secretary of State;

21 (2) meets the safety and equipment standards for  
22 operating as a motorcycle road guard set by the Secretary

1 of State;

2 (3) is escorting a motorcycle group ride;

3 (4) has notified the county and municipality, home rule  
4 or otherwise, through which the motorcycle group is  
5 proceeding; and

6 (5) has obtained consent to act as a motorcycle road  
7 guard from local law enforcement in the county and  
8 municipality through which the motorcycle group is  
9 proceeding.

10 (b) A person acting as a motorcycle road guard under  
11 subsection (a) of this Section may stop and hold vehicles in  
12 place until it is safe for the vehicles to proceed, and may  
13 direct operators of motor vehicles, including motorcycles  
14 within a motorcycle group ride, contrary to the indications of  
15 any traffic-control device, including stop signs or  
16 traffic-control signals.

17 (c) Certification. The Secretary of State shall:

18 (1) establish qualifications and requirements for a  
19 person to obtain a motorcycle road guard certificate under  
20 this Section, which shall include:

21 (A) a minimum 18 years of age;

22 (B) possession of a valid driver's license with  
23 motorcycle classification;

24 (C) successful completion of a motorcycle road  
25 guard certification course; and

26 (D) any other qualifications the Secretary deems

1           appropriate;

2           (2) develop and offer, whether by Secretary of State  
3           employees or authorized third parties, a motorcycle road  
4           guard certification course; and

5           (3) establish safety and equipment standards for a  
6           person who operates under a motorcycle road guard  
7           certificate, including but not limited to specifying  
8           requirements for a reflective safety vest.

9           (d) The Secretary of State shall assess a fee for each  
10          applicant for a motorcycle road guard certificate, calculated  
11          to cover the cost of establishing and administering the  
12          program.

13          (e) The Secretary of State may adopt rules to carry out the  
14          provisions of this Section.

15           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,  
16           2013.