

# Press Release



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## **State of Florida Provides ABATE of Florida, Inc. With A Quarter of a Million Dollars for Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Program**

Tallahassee, FL, May 28, 2010 – As Florida Governor Crist signed the 2010-2011 Florida Budget (HB 5001) into law today, the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) recognized ABATE of Florida, Inc. for our continuing work attempting to make the roadways of Florida safer for all motorcyclists. By signing the Florida Budget into law, effective July 1, 2010, ABATE of Florida, Inc. will receive a quarter of a million dollars specifically to promote motorcycle safety and awareness. The exact language states:

"2735 SPECIAL CATEGORIES: CONTRACTED SERVICES FROM HIGHWAY SAFETY OPERATING TRUST FUND . . . . . 443,874

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 2735, nonrecurring funds in the amount of \$250,000 are for the purpose of promoting motorcycle safety awareness through public information and education campaigns. These funds are provided to the American Bikers Aiming Toward Education of Florida, Inc. The American Bikers Aiming Toward Education of Florida, Inc. is required to provide an independent program audit to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to ensure that these funds were utilized to enhance motorcycle safety education. The expense of this required independent program audit may be funded from a portion of the funds provided."

This is not the first time ABATE of Florida, Inc. has received funds from the Florida DHSMV. Over the last few years, the Government of Florida has recognized ABATE's valuable Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Program (MSAP) for saving lives of motorcyclists statewide. ABATE's Program is implemented by ABATE's 32 chapters throughout Florida. As in the past with this appropriation, the standard audit is a normal course of business.

ABATE's Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Program has been presented to local civic groups, many schools, and public events all over Florida. For more information about our MSAP or to schedule a presentation, please visit [www.ABATEFlorida.com](http://www.ABATEFlorida.com) to contact a local chapter near you.

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With over 7,500 members, ABATE of Florida, Inc. is Florida's largest Motorcyclists' Rights Organization, and the fourth largest nationwide. ABATE of Florida members consist of all types of motorcyclists. Our missions include educating the public about motorcycle awareness and continuing to fight in Tallahassee for the rights of every motorcyclist and the public in general. To aid in these ends, we have an exclusive lobbyist and have founded the Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Program, both with the intentions to help make the roads safer for everyone.

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