

## HB20-1285: Sunset Motorcycle Operator Safety Training Program

Prime Sponsors: Rep Sullivan & Rep. Zenzinger  
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**Summary:** The bill implements the recommendations of the department agencies' sunset review and report of the motorcycle operator safety training (MOST) program by: *a*) Extending the repeal date of the MOST program until September 1, 2025 (sections 1 and 2 of the bill); and *b*) Removing the requirement that an applicant for a MOST instructor certificate have a license to drive a motorcycle that was issued in Colorado (section 3).

**Background:** The MOST program was created in 1991 in the Colorado Department of Transportation and transferred to the Colorado State Patrol (CSP) in the Department of Public Safety on January 1, 2018. The CSP sets standards for the certification of courses in the program and contracts with vendors for the purpose of providing MOST program classes. Within the MOST Policy and Procedures Agreement, there are three administrative levels to the program structure. The CSP administers the MOST program; the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) is the contractor engaged by the CSP that develops and ensures training and operational standards and procedures are followed; and approved MOST Vendors provide the approved training and services to the students.

### Fiscal Impact:

- No appropriation required
- There are no new state fiscal impacts
- Continuing program state fiscal impacts include \$945,747 in cash fund revenue and \$816,454 in cash fund expenditures; because the bill continues a program without making any changes, there are no new impacts.

**Benefits:** This bill continues the Motorcycle Operator Safety Training Program in the Department of Public Safety, which is scheduled to repeal on September 1, 2020. It also repeals the requirement that safety training instructors have a Colorado driver's license. The program is continued through September 1, 2025.

**DORA Recommendation:** As of January 2018, the entire operation was transferred from the Colorado Department of Transportation to the Colorado State Patrol (CSP) in the Department of Public Safety. The program needs stability and CSP needs to continue to grow into its role as regulator. Therefore, the General Assembly should continue the MOST program for five years, until 2025. Five years will provide the stability needed and time enough for the CSP to collect the necessary data to perform a more suitable sunset review.

**Reference Links:** <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/dora-oprrr/coprrr-archive-reviews>