



RE: Letter of Support regarding Rhode Island HB 7354

Dear Members of the Rhode Island Judiciary Committee,

On behalf of The American Motorcyclist Association (AMA), I am writing to express our strong support for Rhode Island HB 7354, which proposes to allow motorcycle lane filtering under certain conditions. With the right guidelines and education, lane filtering can be a valuable tool for motorcyclists and all road users and commend your efforts to codify the importance of a coordinated public awareness campaign.

The AMA believes this practice has the potential to improve rider safety, reduce traffic congestion, and contribute to a more sustainable transportation system. A 2015 study out of UC Berkeley showed that permitting motorcyclists to lane filter, when conditions safely allow, to both decrease the instances of motorcycle accidents, as well as the severity of injury to riders and passengers when accidents do occur.

We are pleased to see Rhode Island moving in the direction of states such as California, Utah, Arizona, Montana, and most recently, Colorado in enacting lane filtering as a research-backed roadway safety mechanism.

Thank you for your leadership on this important issue. We stand ready to assist you in any way we can to ensure the successful passage and eventual implementation of this policy.

Sincerely,

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