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The Honorable Evan P. Shanley  
Chair, House Committee on State Government and Elections  
State House  
Providence, RI 02903

**RE: 2024 H-7471- AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES  
– OPERATORS' AND CHAUFFEURS' LICENSES**

Dear Chair Shanley:

The Division of Motor Vehicles ("DMV") writes in support of House Bill 7471, An Act Relating to Motor and Other Vehicles – Operators' and Chauffeurs' Licenses.

The proposed bill would eliminate the requirement that individuals seeking a motorcycle endorsement first obtain a motorcycle learner's permit and would also combine the fees for the learner's permit and the motorcycle license endorsement into a single fee.

Currently, all first-time applicants for a motorcycle endorsement must complete a motorcycle driver education program through the Community College of Rhode Island. That program consists of a combination of classroom instruction and on-the-range motorcycle training, including a final skills test. After completing the driver education program, an applicant may then obtain a motorcycle learner's permit from the DMV. That permit must be held for a minimum of thirty (30) days, at the conclusion of which the applicant qualifies for the full motorcycle endorsement on their operators' license.

The issue that the proposed bill addresses is that there is no additional testing requirement at the conclusion of the thirty-day permit period. An applicant could simply wait out the thirty days and then obtain the full motorcycle endorsement. The proposed bill would eliminate this waiting period which serves no apparent function. It is important to note that there would be no resulting loss in safety, as all applicants will have already completed their classroom instruction and road skills test as part of the CCRI program.

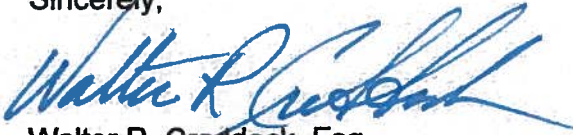
Finally, the proposed bill is revenue neutral. Rather than pay two separate fees of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for the permit and full motorcycle endorsement, the applicant would pay a single fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for the endorsement. An

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added benefit is that it would also save applicants an additional and unnecessary trip to the DMV.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Administrator

CC: The Honorable Members of the House Committee on State Government  
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