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ABATE of Florida, Inc.'s Daytona Bike Week Campground Opens for all Tomorrow, Friday March 4, 2011



Deland, March 3, 2011 - ABATE of Florida, Inc.'s annual Daytona Bike Week Campground opens at Noon tomorrow, staying open through Sunday March 13, 2011, saving those going to Daytona Beach's 70th Annual Bike Week hundreds of dollars over the high lodging prices expected all around.

In addition to our large volume of available tent camping, we're now offering FULL RV Hookups with water, sewer and 20/30/50 amp services available. We have 24-hour security, hot showers, vendors, food, beverages, ice, and even an ATM on site, all this and only 20 minutes from downtown Daytona, 30 minutes from Orlando.

Just in from the AMA...

Bill introduced to prohibit funding discriminatory motorcycle-only checkpoints
 Urge your Representative to support today!

Take Action!

In addition to Sensenbrenner, Reps. Tom Petri (R-WI) and Paul Ryan (R-WI) are original cosponsors.

Because MOCs are discriminatory and have not been proven effective, the American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) strongly supports this new legislative effort and urges motorcyclists to take action to assure passage. The AMA needs your help to contact your Representative immediately and urge them to cosponsor this legislation.

This bill came about in response to the Motorcycle Law Enforcement Demonstrations Grant (DTNH22-10-R-00386) program administered by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). You can view the grant notice here.

Initially begun in New York State, the process involves establishing checkpoints in which only motorcycles are pulled over and subjected to a series of inspections.

As you may know, the state of Georgia was the only state to receive a grant in the amount

Come on by, save hundreds of dollars, and help support ABATE of Florida, Inc., Florida's largest Motorcyclists' Rights Organization, fighting for your rights!

More information can be found at:
<http://www.abateflorida.com/bikeweek.php>.

We look forward to seeing you there!

**ABATE of Florida, Inc.
Fights for Stiffer
Penalties for Negligent
Drivers**

Deland, FL, January 27, 2011 – ABATE of Florida, Inc. once again begins our fight to get stiffer penalties levied upon careless and negligent drivers that hit, injure, and many times kill the motorcyclists on the roadways of Florida. Our battle begins this year with the filings of Florida House Bill 403 and Florida Senate Bill 608 this week, both titled "Traffic Offenses".

Over the last two years, we know of at least 24 motorcyclists that have been killed by careless, negligent, and/or drunk drivers. Of those cases, the vast majority of offending drivers have either not been charged at all, or have only been cited with "failure to yield". Out of these deaths, only three drivers have been sentenced to over \$166, with none sentenced to any time in jail. Florida House Bill 403, filed by Representative Baxley, and Florida Senate Bill 608, filed by Senator Evers, are both intended to establish a Florida law that will bring justice in sentencing when an

Representative Bill Baxley is currently the Chair of the Criminal Justice Sub-Committee and the Vice Chair of the Transportation and Highway Safety Sub Committee. He has served in the past as Florida's Speaker Pro Tempore. Senator Evers sponsored our Stiffer Penalties Bill last year while a Florida House of Representatives member, and currently serves as the Chair of the Criminal Justice Committee and the Vice Chair or Transportation Committee in the Florida Senate. Both are members of ABATE of Florida and have been huge supporters of motorcyclists' rights.

ABATE of Florida, Inc. has been trying for years to get the penalties sentenced drivers convicted of hitting motorcyclists after negligent and/or reckless vehicle operation not only enforced, but made more severe. Now that our Stiffer Penalties Bills have been filed, we wish all to contact your elected representatives and ask them to support Senate Bill 608 and House Bill 403 in an effort to let your legislators understand that motorcyclists' lives are worth more than a traffic ticket.

of \$70,000

from the NHTSA program to create MOCs. The grant will be used to conduct one or more roadside motorcycle-only checks in accordance with what was outlined in the Request for Applications. The Georgia State Patrol (GSP) will oversee the day-to-day operation of the program.

On October 26, 2010, the AMA sent a letter to Georgia's former Governor Sonny Perdue requesting he suspend the implementation of the grant until questions raised by the motorcycling community are addressed. The former governor did not respond to AMA's letter. Therefore, the AMA sent another letter, dated February 15, 2011, to Georgia's newly-elected Governor Nathan Deal. To see AMA's letter, [click here](#).

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