

WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §17b-1D-1

§17B-1D-1. Legislative findings.

The Legislature hereby finds and declares that:

- (a) Motorcycles account for approximately three percent of the state's registered motor vehicles but are involved in over six percent of the state's motor vehicle fatalities.
- (b) In terms of fatalities per vehicle mile traveled, the state's motorcyclists face about ten times the risk of passenger car occupants.
- (c) Lack of proper riding skills have been shown to be largely responsible for the motorcycle fatality problem.
- (d) It is therefore the purpose of this article to provide for a motorcycle safety education program in this state.