

Senate Bill No. 1046

An act relating to the operation of motorcycles; amending s. 316.209, F.S.; providing that certain prohibitions concerning the operation of motorcycles do not apply to firefighters in the performance of their official duties; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 316.209, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

316.209 Operating motorcycles on roadways laned for traffic.—

(1) All motorcycles are entitled to full use of a lane and no motor vehicle shall be driven in such manner as to deprive any motorcycle of the full use of a lane. This subsection shall not apply to motorcycles operated two abreast in a single lane.

(2) The operator of a motorcycle shall not overtake and pass in the same lane occupied by the vehicle being overtaken.

(3) No person shall operate a motorcycle between lanes of traffic or between adjacent lines or rows of vehicles.

(4) Motorcycles shall not be operated more than two abreast in a single lane.

(5) Subsections (2) and (3) do ~~shall~~ not apply to police officers or ~~fire-~~fighters in the performance of their official duties.

(6) A violation of this section is a noncriminal traffic infraction, punishable as a moving violation as provided in chapter 318.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Approved by the Governor June 4, 2003.

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