

CHAPTER 113

(HB 39)

AN ACT relating to highway signs.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 177 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

(1) *As used in this section:*

(a) *"Local government" means:*

1. *Any city organized and governed under KRS Chapter 83 or 83A;*
2. *Any urban-county government organized and governed under KRS Chapter 67A;*
3. *Any consolidated local government organized and governed under KRS Chapter 67C; and*
4. *All of Kentucky's one hundred twenty (120) counties; and*

(b) *"Motorcycle awareness signs" means signs that increase the awareness of the traveling public to the possible presence of motorcycles and which are erected in the highway right-of-way of any highway that is part of the state primary road system established under KRS 177.020.*

- (2) *All statutes to the contrary notwithstanding, the cabinet shall permit any local government, subject to the provisions of subsection (4) of this section, to erect motorcycle awareness signs.*
- (3) *The cabinet may, in addition to authorizing a local government to erect motorcycle awareness signs, also erect motorcycle awareness signs.*
- (4) *Any local government wanting to erect motorcycle awareness signs shall submit a written request to the cabinet. The request shall identify the routes and the specific location on the routes where motorcycle awareness signs will be erected. If the cabinet determines that any location identified in the request would pose a traffic safety hazard, the cabinet shall identify an alternative location for the placement of the motorcycle awareness signs.*
- (5) *The signs authorized to be erected under this section shall consist of two (2) signs. The upper sign shall be diamond shaped with a motorcyclist pictured on the sign. A second rectangular sign shall be placed directly below the diamond shaped sign and contain the words "Share the Road." The signs shall conform with the standards established in the "Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices" published by the United States Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration.*

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