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Landis, please.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Landis, do you yield?

SENATOR LANDIS: Yes.

SENATOR NICHOL: Could you run that by me again about the \$40 credit? I didn't quite get that.

SENATOR LANDIS: Okay. The money is raised by registrations on motorcycles. It is put into the Department of Education fund. Programs throughout the state are carried on. Individuals sign up for courses. Upon successful graduation, the course forwards that information to the Department of Education. The Department of Education will give up to \$40 per student to that course for the carrying out of that function.

SENATOR NICHOL: Okay, so it doesn't matter whether they have one student or ten....

SENATOR LANDIS: That's right.

SENATOR NICHOL: ....they get the \$40 and that goes to the instructor, I assume.

SENATOR LANDIS: It goes to the organization sponsoring the course. For example, there are private organizations, among them motorcycle groups like ABATE who do offer this as an organization. It would have to be a business, an organization or a school. It can't be just one private individual out there who holds himself out as an instructor. It would have to be in the form of a business.

SENATOR NICHOL: And I assume that there is no public tax money going into this.

SENATOR LANDIS: There is no general tax fund dollars going into it. That's right. It is raised by motorcycle registrations, spent for motorcycle safety.

SENATOR NICHOL: Would it be possible for the motorcycle organizations to do this without having a bill and just do it on their own?

SENATOR LANDIS: They have done it in the past. They have a difficult time with the financing. However, they have done it on a couple of occasions. What they haven't been able to do is get a cost benefit that will allow