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would you like to close on your amendment?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Schimek, members of the Legislature, Senator Baker is showing me another part of the bill that says that the Department of Motor Vehicles shall establish minimum requirements for a motorcycle safety course, and the course shall be designed to develop, instill, and improve the knowledge, attitudes, habits and skills necessary for safe operation of a motorcycle. So it looks like, in essence, the state could approve the state test, and probably go ahead and approve who was giving it. My only remaining question, Senator Smith, if this takes care of the local matter, law enforcement, in order to determine exemption, would be looking at riders from out of state also, right?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Smith, did you wish to yield to questions?

SENATOR SMITH: Yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: The proof of completion of the course, law enforcement would also be looking at riders from out of state in that regard also.

SENATOR SMITH: Yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: So the department, would they be looking to see if the...if those riders had completed an equivalent course to that approved by the department, Nebraska department, or would they be looking to see if they had completed a course in accordance with the state standards where they were licensed? How would they do that?

SENATOR SMITH: Well, DMV has, basically, deferred to the motorcycle safety foundation already because their curriculum meets the criteria that is approved by the DMV, and their curriculum, their graduation cards, what have you.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, so if the out-of-staters are taking the same test, they would, by definition, be taking a test approved by the department?