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LB 70

60-4,127, no person shall operate a motorcycle on the alleys or highways of the state of Nebraska until such person has obtained a Class M license. No such license shall be issued until the applicant has appeared before an examiner, satisfied the examiner that he or she meets the vision and physical requirements established under 60-4,118 for operation of motor vehicle, and successfully completed as examination, including the actual operation of a motorcycle, prescribed by the director, except, except that an examiner may waive required examination, including actual operation of the motorcycle, if the applicant presents proof of successful completion, within the immediate preceding 12 months, of a motorcycle safety course or Motorcycle Safety Education Act. The statute continues on from there. Under current law, LB 70, training is not required. I'll repeat, under current law, LB 70, training is not required. This amendment requires that all first-time motorcycle applicants show that they have successfully completed a basic motorcycle training course by the time they apply for the motorcycle endorsement. Almost all senators in this body that I heard from spoke about LB 70, indicating that they feel training may be the most important aspect of LB 70. I could not agree more. When an individual comes in seeking their first motorcycle endorsement, that individual will be required to, one, meet the visual and physical requirements already established in statute; two, successfully complete an examination, including the actual operation of a motorcycle; and three, present proof of successful completion of a basic motorcycle safety course within the immediate previous 12 months, as provided under the Motorcycle Safety Education Act. What this provision will do is to require all individuals seeking their first motorcycle license or endorsement to successfully complete a basic motorcycle training course before that individual can receive that endorsement. Currently, riders are not required to receive training certificate upon receiving a motorcycle endorsement. This amendment would require...would make training a requirement. Section 6 includes an increase in the motorcycle fines, as provided in the present E & R amendments, with minor technical changes to reflect the language of this amendment. Section 7 remains the same as E & R amendments, merely harmonizing the eye protection. There are some changes in Section 8. Currently, E & R amendments to LB 70