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Chairman Shannon Francis, Vice Chair Robin Essex, Ranking Member Helgerson and committee members, thank you for hearing this bill today.

HB 2031 is about safety. Riding a motorcycle comes with a certain amount of risk. The Motorcycle Safety Foundation and their instructors lessen some of that risk through classroom instruction and practice riding a motorcycle (behind the bar instruction) on a closed course. Students that successfully complete the class can receive a motorcycle endorsement on their license. This program is like other driving schools that offer lessons in driving a passenger car.

Several months ago, it was brought to my attention that due to an administrative enforcement of the Department of Revenue, Application for Driver Training Teacher License-Motorcycle, form DE 11M-Revised 6/2023 has caused a problem and possible shortage of instructors. The application requires a Kansas Driver's License number.

Because there are a limited number of instructors that teach motorcycle safety classes many of them teach in more than one state. Due to this requirement of having a Kansas Driver's License it has limited that number in Kansas. This could also possibly limit the number of classes that can be taught.

The Kansas Department of Education, Kansas Administrative Regulation 91-5-12-Motorcycle instruction outlines the requirement to become a certified instructor. It requires under (1) (A) "Has a valid driver's license with a motorcycle endorsement". It does not indicate any state requirement.

This bill should it pass would allow qualified instructors that are certified and possess a motorcycle endorsement from any state to teach in Kansas.

Respectfully,

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