

This letter is in support of House Bill 2318.

As a retired member of the Kansas Highway Patrol and avid motorcycle rider it is imperative that House Bill 2318 be considered. Due to the size difference between a motorcycle and other motor vehicles the use of modulating headlights would greatly increase the visibility of the motorcycle, thus reducing the number of accidents, due to the motorcycle not being seen.

According to Kansas Department of Transportation Statistics the number of motorcycle accidents has increased from 615 to 1138 over a 10 year period. This has resulted in an increase in fatalities from 19 to 45 during the same period. Eleven percent of these accidents were due to Failure to Yield to oncoming or cross traffic.

Modulating headlights would make the motorcycle visible and easier for oncoming or cross traffic to see.

Thank you for your consideration of the House Bill.

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