



ABATE's Accomplishments:

ABATE supported the establishment and the expansion of the award-winning California Motorcycle Safety Program (CMSP), and holds a permanent seat on the CMSP Advisory Committee.

ABATE was instrumental in establishing a court imposed fine for drivers who injure motorcyclists, bicyclists or pedestrians with their cars by violating 'right of way' driving rules of the road.

ABATE sponsored legislation to remove the 'shoulder height' limit on motorcycle handlebars and succeeded in raising it to 6" above shoulder height.

ABATE assisted in the defeat of a proposed federal ban on sport bikes.

ABATE has been a driving force in promoting "May as Motorcycle Awareness Month".

ABATE's political action committee, ABATEPAC, trains and organizes campaign volunteers to assist in the campaigns of candidates supportive of motorcyclist's rights, which has raised the visibility and credibility of California motorcyclists with local, state and federal politicians.

ABATE Locals are involved with collecting money for charities and those in need. Tons of food and truckloads of toys are donated each year at Thanksgiving and Christmas, working in partnership with community charity organizations.

ABATE helped to open High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) / Commuter lanes to motorcycles.

ABATE successfully challenged the San Diego Police Department over enforcement of the helmet law in federal court.

ABATE was instrumental in getting approval for Purple Heart motorcycle plates.

ABATE joined other Motorcycle Rights Organizations to lobby the insurance industry, putting an end to their "Superbike Blacklist" of high-performance bike that they refused to insure.

ABATE helped defeat two separate bills to outlaw "lane-splitting".

ABATE worked alongside virtually every national and state motorcycle rights organization and lobbied Congress aggressively to successfully repeal federal highway funding penalties against states without helmet laws.

ABATE supported the passage of H.R. 3103 in 1996, which prohibits discrimination against motorcyclists in health care availability and affordability.

ABATE was the driving force that prevented helmet law violations from being assessed against the driver's license as a moving violation.