

## What is ABATE of SC?

**ABATE of South Carolina** is a motorcyclists' rights organization dedicated to preserving individual liberties and biker rights.

**ABATE** does not advocate riding without a helmet; ABATE advocates that you have the right to decide.

**ABATE** works to increase motorcycle awareness among motorists and supports voluntary rider training.

**ABATE** works to educate concerned citizens how to effectively impact the legislative process.

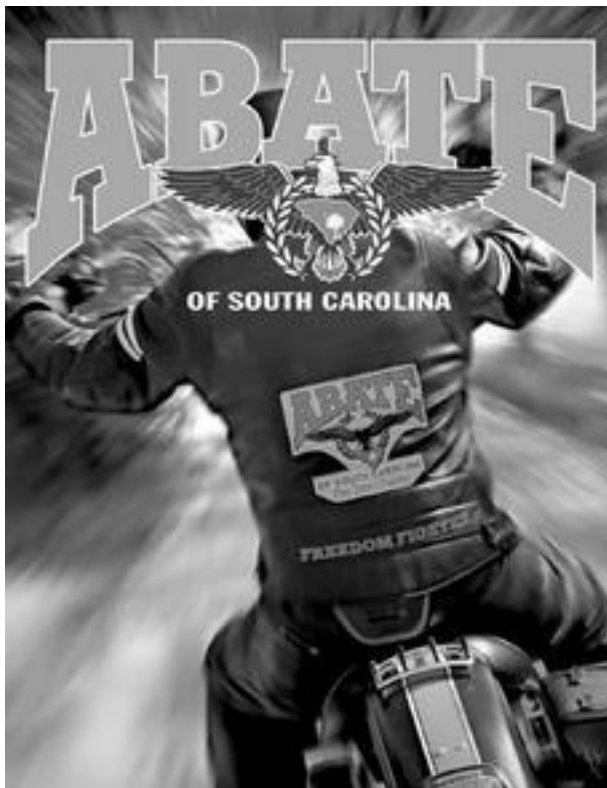
**ABATE** encourages bikers to become politically active in their communities.

**ABATE** is a volunteer organization and is non-partisan and welcomes ALL RIDERS and FRIENDS of LIBERTY.

**ABATE** works closely with other state chapters and national motorcycle rights organizations throughout the country such as the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM), Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) and the American Motorcycle Association (AMA).

## Why Join ABATE of SC?

By joining ABATE of SC, you can be part of a grass roots biker political power that has come together to oppose anti-motorcycling legislation. Get involved by lobbying your elected officials in the ongoing struggle against legislation that would rob you of liberty in South Carolina and across the United States. Help to promote the implementation of programs that will help preserve motorcycling and the lifestyle.



### *ABATE of South Carolina is Biker Rights.*

ABATE of South Carolina, Inc. is the motorcyclists' rights organization of South Carolina. Our members brought freedom of choice to South Carolina bikers in June of 1980; ABATE amended South Carolina's mandatory motorcycle helmet law to allow adult freedom of choice. ABATE stands for A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments. Our philosophy is to defend liberty; while we do not oppose safety devices, we oppose laws that mandate the usage of devices.



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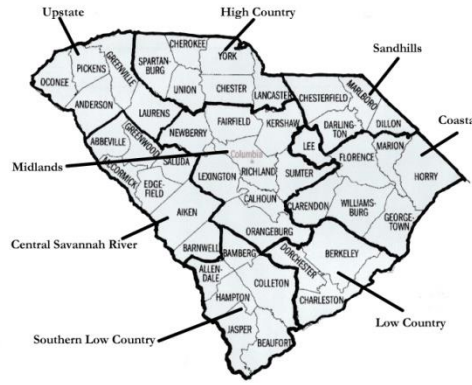
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## Benefits of Joining ABATE of SC

- ABATE government relations
- ABATE of SC newsletter
- Access to ABATE members only area and products
- Safety and educational programs
- ABATE roadside assistance. Members throughout the state have volunteered to help any stranded brothers or sisters.
- Many motorcycle shops offer a discount to current ABATE members.
- Motorcycle insurance discounts
- Gain access to information from other state and national motorcycle rights organizations.

## Accomplishments of ABATE of SC

- 1980 Helmet Law was amended to allow adults 21 and older the option of wearing a helmet.
- 2006 Handlebar Height Law Repealed
- 2006 Motorcycle property tax cut to from 10% to 6%
- 2008 Red Light legislation passed allowing motorcycles to take a left on a red after two minutes.
- 2008 Passed specialty license plates for motorcycles.
- 2008 Helped legalize vertical license plates.
- 2009 Repealed special driver license testing for three wheel motorcycles
- 2009 Helped pass Veterans license plate for motorcycles.

- 2009 Sponsor of the "Alive at 25" program in schools.
- 2014 Passed Equal Access legislation which allows motorcycles to park in public funded garages.
- 2016 Motorcycle Permit legislation which removed the requirement of a parent or guardian.
- 2016 Passed Lemon Law legislation which allows motorcycles the same warranty protections.
- 2017 Passed Ride Endorsed which requires a person to take a motorcycle safety class after three failed attempts.
- 2017 Passed a 4 point reduction from their license if they pass a motorcycle safety class.
- 2019 Passed High Mileage legislation which allows motorcycles to have the same property tax deductions as automobiles.

ABATE of SC is divided up into eight areas. Each area has chapters. Check out the map above to see which area would be best to join.

1. Central Savannah River Area
2. Coastal
3. High Country
4. Midlands
5. Lowcountry
6. Sandhills
7. Southern Lowcountry
8. Upstate

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