



Legislative Meeting Notice

CWC Chapter

Sunday January 26, 2025



Legislative Meeting to be held at the ABATE CWC Chapter on Sunday January 26, 2025 at 1:57 p.m.

Located at the Bogart's Restaurant located at 2710 Emanuel Church Road West Columbia, SC. The legislative portion of the meeting will start immediately after the chapter meeting and all bikers are welcome!

Our stuff:

- . Distracted driving legislation.
- . Hands-free strategies.
- . Failure to Yield legislation
- . Antique Motorcycles at night legislation
- . UTV legislation

H 3173 “Failure to Yield” Representative Micah Caskey and Representative Chris Wooten introduced legislation that would allow the courts to see if there is great bodily injury or death involved in Failure to Yield collisions. We will work on other strategies, but this will be the first step.

S 90 and H 3536, H 3276 “SC Hands Free Act” Passage of this would make driving with a cell phone in your hand illegal. Representative Bill Taylor has introduced this legislation for the last eight years and we will be pushing to make South Carolina Hands Free.

Hands Free Strategies There is a new twist and will explain during this meeting.

H 3313 “Antique Motorcycles Use at Night” Passage of this would allow antique motorcycles to ride at night for certain purposes if they are equipped with working headlights and rear lights. Representative Chumley sponsored this bill, and it passed out of the House of Representatives last year but did not pass out of the Senate.

H 3158 “UTV Motor Vehicle” Passage of this would allow offroad UTV to be street legal. While we are not interested in any debate about legalizing them, we do currently have two issues.

- We would ask that there be no amendments to the current helmet law as in the current version of this bill which lowers the age to eighteen for UTV’s drivers and passengers. This bill currently proposes to amend both 56-5-3660 and 56-5-3670. The current helmet law 56-5-3660 that motorcycle operators fall under could be scrutinized due to UTV fatalities in the future.
- We would ask that any vehicle that is licensed to operate on South Carolina roadways pay the property taxes to the county they are registered like all other roadway users.

ABATE is a state motorcyclists rights organization dedicated to defending the rights of all motorcyclists. ABATE also encourages all motorcyclists to register to vote and become active in the political process. ABATE encourages motorcyclists to voluntarily obtain motorcycle rider training.

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