

Legislative Meeting Notice



Meeting Date will be moved from Tuesday October 8th to Tuesday October 15th due to power issues as the VFW. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Immediate Release: Legislative Meeting to be held at the ABATE of Lexington Chapter on Tuesday October 15, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Located at the VFW on 424 Cedarcrest Drive Lexington, SC 29073. The legislative portion of the meeting will start immediately after the chapter meeting which starts at 7:00 p.m. and all bikers are welcome!

Issues of discussion to cover the following:

- Lobby Day I to be held on January 14, 2024
- Distracted driving and the hands-free strategies.
- Failure to Yield legislation
- Red Light cameras
- "Gone Too Soon" campaign

Legislative bills we are expecting for the first half of the Session starting January 14, 2025:

- **H?** "Failure to Yield" We had a good meeting with Representative Micah Caskey and Representative Chris Wooten. Micah has agreed to draft and introduce 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 ? and H ? "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.
- H? "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 in last year but did not pass out of the Senate.
- H? "Large Debris Falling from Vehicles" Passage of this would make it illegal for large 2' polyethylene pieces to fall from a vehicle in the roadways. Representative Trantham sponsored this bill last session.

If you have any questions please contact us directly. <u>Unsubscribe</u>

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