

## WHY YOU SHOULD BECOME INVOLVED

ABATE of Virginia believes that measures such as rider education and driver awareness programs will reduce the incidence of crashes involving motorcyclists and have far greater potential for reducing injuries and deaths than laws mandating the use of particular safety equipment.

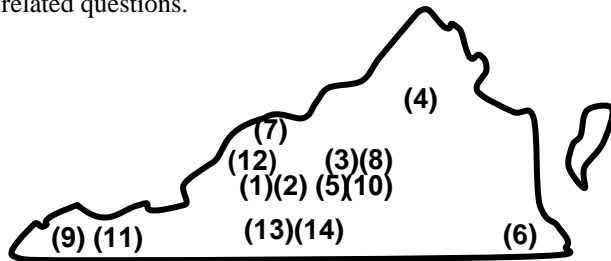
Preserve your freedom to ride a motorcycle, today and into the future.

Meet other motorcycle enthusiasts in your community and gain personal satisfaction by joining them to promote motorcycling through participation at State and Chapter meetings, meeting with Virginia legislators and local officials, chapter rides, rallies, benefit rides, bike shows, etc.

Learn how to affect the laws and potential laws that govern us.

Receive an American Income Life (AIL) \$3,000 accidental death and dismemberment policy.

Direct access to an affiliated law group for motorcycle-related questions.



- (1) Blue Ridge Backroads.....Salem, VA
- (2) Catawba Valley.....Salem, VA
- (3) Chapter 99.....Lynchburg, VA
- (4) Culpeper / Mason Dixon.....Culpeper, VA
- (5) Dragon's Claw.....Bland, VA
- (6) Flatlander.....Hampton Roads, VA
- (7) Highland.....Alleghany County, VA
- (8) Iron Horse Cavalry.....Lynchburg, VA
- (9) Lake Pirates.....Moneta, VA
- (10) Mountain Thunder.....Roanoke, VA
- (11) Nelson County.....Nelson County, VA
- (12) Purgatory Mountain.....Buchanan, VA
- (13) Tazewell County.....NorthTazewell, VA
- (14) Tazewell County Nomads....Tazewell, VA

## ABATE OF VIRGINIA...

- ✓ Provides a unifying voice for Virginia's motorcyclists.
- ✓ Is an SMRO (state motorcyclists' rights organization), not a club; membership in ABATE of Virginia does not conflict with any other membership.
- ✓ Encourages members to vote and become involved in our political process.
- ✓ Helps to prevent anti-motorcycle legislation that would further restrict your right to ride.
- ✓ Promotes motorcycle awareness, training and education.
- ✓ Works to promote a better public image of motorcyclists by showing generosity and concern through sponsored events for charitable organizations.
- ✓ Watches for and informs members (via chapter meetings, officers, etc.) of adverse and favorable motorcycle legislation at State and Federal levels.
- ✓ Promotes motorcycling as a legitimate form of transportation.

**For more information on ABATE of Virginia  
visit us at: [abateva.org](http://abateva.org)  
We work for ALL motorcyclists,  
independent of type, make or model.**

## MISSION STATEMENT

**ABATE (A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments)** of Virginia, Inc. is a motorcyclists' rights organization dedicated to the continued preservation of freedom of the road for all motorcyclists in the Commonwealth of Virginia. We will endeavor to promote safe riding practices through rider education and public awareness programs; to involve ourselves in the legislative process, therefore giving Virginia motorcyclists a strong advocacy before state and federal legislators; to expand our membership base and promote our organization on a continual basis and to maintain a strong financial base necessary to achieve the goals of our membership.

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ABATE of Virginia works with the following organizations:

**American Motorcyclist Association (AMA)**

**Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF)**

**National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM)**

**Virginia Coalition of Motorcyclists (VCOM)**

You, as an individual and voting citizen, can help in our fight to amend or repeal any motorcyclist legislation within Virginia and on the Federal level. The majority of politicians know nothing about motorcycling. We need to unite with common goals and educate our lawmakers from a position of strength and in a dignified manner.

Complete and mail this application, with a check or money order to:

ABATE of VA  
PO Box 426  
Oakton, VA 22124

(Please print legibly)

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Referred by \_\_\_\_\_

Category: Single \$20.00 [ ] Joint \$30.00 [ ]

New [ ] Renewal [ ]

Add \$10.00 for each additional member in the same household \_\_\_\_\_

New membership for 18-29 years of age FREE! [ ]

Life time membership \$400.00 [ ]  
Are you a registered voter? Yes [ ] No [ ]

Are you an AMA member? Yes [ ] No [ ]

Are you a VCOM member? Yes [ ] No [ ]

Are you an MRF member? Yes [ ] No [ ]

Occupation(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Chapter (see map) \_\_\_\_\_

What would you like ABATE to accomplish? (We do read this.)  
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**Dues/donations to ABATE of VA are not tax deductible, transferable, or refundable.**

**ABATE HAS HELPED DO THIS:**

Designating all money from the motorcycle endorsements on drivers' licenses to be applied directly to the Virginia Rider Training Program.

Establishment of a motorcyclist's learner's permit.

Prohibiting state, county, and city governments from banning motorcycles from roads that use any public funds.

Prohibiting motorcycle-only checkpoints.

Permitting the use of headphones in helmets as part of a communication device.

Permanently allowing motorcycles on High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes by statute.

Allowing motorcyclists to proceed through a red light after waiting two minutes or two cycles and when safe to do so.

Defining legal helmet standards by statute and repealing the criminal penalty of wearing a non-approved helmet.

Allowing motorcyclists to ride in a police escorted parade without a helmet.

Requiring all driver education programs to include motorcycle awareness training.

Adoption of a special license plate that incorporates a safe motorcycling message.

Allowing use of additional brake lights approved by the Superintendent of the State Police, modulating brake lights and modulating headlights.

Defeating legislation that placed an age limit on motorcycle passengers.

Defeating legislation that would have prohibited motorcycles from bridges and tunnels in the Hampton Roads area during periods of strong weather.

Requiring VDOT to consider motorcycles in all roadway maintenance and planning of future roadway projects.

Allowing the use of a facemask in public when not trying to conceal one's identity.

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TO FREEDOM OF THE ROAD**



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