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RE: Proposal Number: PRN 2009-56

Mr. Robertson,

I have read the MVC proposal that was published in the New Jersey Register. As a motorcyclist, I feel compelled to express outrage over the Commission's proposal to increase the base fee for registering a motorcycle from \$10 to \$65. It is also unclear at this point, and we have not been able to determine, if the \$21.50 in additional "mandatory fees" have been rolled into this increase or will be added to the increase. As published the new annual fee would be \$86.50 (new "base" fee \$65.00 + \$21.50 mandatory surcharges and additional fees, ref. NJ 39:3-8.2 1a,b,c and NJ 39:2A-38 110).

Sharon Harrington has been quoted in the news as saying that the MVC considered the "shock value" of a fee increase, but how can that be the case when the increase for legally registering a motorcycle with the State jumps 650% (or 865%)?

Since when is it rational to increase *anything* 650%?

The Motor Vehicle Commission, along with most state organizations, has had a hiring and promotional freeze for the last 3 years. Service to the motorcycle community has diminished in that time as well, and now the MVC wants to implement a fee increase?

We respectfully point out that the Commission is not following the intent of the law that enabled it to collect money from motorcyclists in order to register their bikes. Furthermore, the commission is in violation of the intent of the law that enabled it to collect \$5 for every motorcycle endorsement (license). The \$5 is to be used in the State's Motorcycle Education Fund; it is not to be recklessly removed from the Motorcycle Education Program(s). To add insult to injury, the Education Fund has been (mis)appropriated, the Motorcycle Education Programs have been cancelled, and yet the \$5 fee for "education" enacted by New Jersey law 27:5F-39 continues to be collected and there will be a 650% increase in the cost of registration. This apparent discrimination against motorcyclists *must* be acknowledged and corrected.

I would also at this time formally request an extension of the time for submission of comments to Proposal Number PRN 2009-56.

Respectfully,

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