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Public Act No. 10-153

**AN ACT REQUIRING MOTORCYCLE TRAINING PRIOR TO THE
ISSUANCE OF A MOTORCYCLE ENDORSEMENT.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 14-40a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2011*):

(c) Before granting a motorcycle endorsement to any applicant who has not held such an endorsement at any time within the preceding two years, the commissioner shall require the applicant to [demonstrate personally to the commissioner, a deputy or a motor vehicle inspector or an agent of the commissioner, in such manner as the commissioner directs, that the applicant is a proper person to operate a motorcycle, has sufficient knowledge of the mechanism of a motorcycle to ensure its safe operation by such applicant, and has satisfactory knowledge of the law concerning motorcycles and other motor vehicles and the rules of the road. An applicant under the age of eighteen shall also] present evidence satisfactory to the commissioner that such applicant has successfully completed a novice motorcycle training course conducted by the Department of Transportation with federal funds available for the purpose of such course, or by any firm or organization that conducts such a course that uses the curriculum of

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the Motorcycle Safety Foundation or other safety or educational organization that has developed a curriculum approved by the commissioner. [The commissioner may waive the on-road skills portion of the examination for the endorsement for any such applicant or an applicant who is eighteen years of age or older who presents evidence of satisfactorily completing a motorcycle training course. If an applicant has had a license or held such an endorsement from a state where a similar examination or course is required, the commissioner may waive part or all of any such requirement.] When the commissioner is satisfied as to the ability and competency of the applicant, the commissioner may issue an endorsement to such applicant, either unlimited or containing such limitations as the commissioner deems advisable. If an applicant or motorcycle endorsement holder has any health problem which might affect such person's ability to operate a motorcycle safely, the commissioner may require the applicant or endorsement holder to demonstrate personally that, notwithstanding the problem, such person is a proper person to operate a motorcycle, and the commissioner may further require a certificate of the applicant's condition, signed by a medical authority designated by the commissioner, which certificate shall, in all cases, be treated as confidential by the commissioner. An endorsement, containing such limitation as the commissioner deems advisable may be issued or renewed in any case, but nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the commissioner from refusing an endorsement, either limited or unlimited, to any person or suspending an endorsement of a person whom the commissioner deems incapable of safely operating a motorcycle.