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1. Motorcycle driver education required. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a motorcycle instruction permit, license or endorsement may not be issued to a person, unless that person presents a certificate of successful completion of a motorcycle driver education program and examination approved by the Secretary of State, except as provided in this subsection.

[2005, c. 577, §20 (AMD) .]

2. Education program. The following provisions apply to motorcycle driver education programs.

A. A motorcycle driver education program must consist of an 8-hour block of instruction directly related to the actual operation of motorcycles, emphasizing safety measures designed to ensure greater awareness of careful and skillful operation of motorcycles. [2005, c. 577, §21 (AMD).]

B. The program may be offered by a public secondary school, a private secondary school approved for attendance purposes by the Commissioner of Education, a career and technical education center or career and technical education region or adult education program conducted under Title 20-A, chapter 316. [1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF); 2003, c. 545, §5 (REV).]

C. A motorcycle program offered independently of an approved driver education course may not be offered for credit toward a high school diploma. [1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF).]

D. A program may include instruction and riding experience on a motorcycle driving range. [1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF).]

E. The Secretary of State must approve a motorcycle driver education program. [1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF).]

[2005, c. 577, §21 (AMD) .]

3. Instructors. The following provisions apply to the certification of instructors.

A. A person may not conduct a motorcycle driver education program unless certified by the Secretary of State as a qualified instructor. [1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF).]

B. The Secretary of State shall:

(1) Conduct, or authorize other qualified persons to conduct, certification courses; and

(2) Establish reasonable qualification standards and requirements for certification. The requirements must include a provision to demonstrate proficiency in operating a motorcycle. [1997, c. 776, §38 (AMD).]

C. [1995, c. 505, §22 (AFF); 1995, c. 505, §14 (RP).]

[1997, c. 776, §38 (AMD) .]

4. Instructor availability. When a certified instructor is not available in a geographic area, the Secretary of State may assign a qualified instructor for the program subject to the following provisions.

A. The requesting authority must ensure a minimum class size of 6 students. [1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF).]

B. The Secretary of State shall charge a program fee comparable to other motorcycle driver education programs. [1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF).]

C. An instructor is not a "teacher" within the meaning of Title 5, section 17001, subsection 42 or Title 20-A. [1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF).]

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5. Completion certificates. An instructor shall issue a completion certificate to a student who has successfully completed the course.

[1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF) .]

6. Waiver of examination. The Secretary of State may waive the required:

A. Written examination on receipt of a completion certificate; and [1999, c. 470, §21 (NEW) .]

B. Road examination for the holder of a valid motor vehicle operator's license on receipt of a certificate demonstrating successful completion of the Basic Rider Course or other hands-on motorcycle rider course approved by the Secretary of State. An endorsement issued pursuant to this paragraph prohibits the holder from carrying a passenger for a period of 60 days following the date of issuance of the endorsement. [2007, c. 383, §23 (AMD) .]

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7. Suspension and revocation. The Secretary of State may suspend, revoke or deny a certificate of completion or an instructor's certificate for just cause in accordance with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act.

[1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF) .]

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