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An act relating to proceeds funding motorcycle safety education; amending s. 320.08, F.S.; requiring a portion of Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund proceeds to fund a motorcycle driver improvement program administered by a specified nonprofit entity; providing program requirements; requiring a report to the Legislature; amending s. 322.025, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section 320.08, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

320.08 License taxes.—Except as otherwise provided herein, there are hereby levied and imposed annual license taxes for the operation of motor vehicles, mopeds, tri-vehicles as defined in s. 316.003, and mobile homes as defined in s. 320.01, which shall be paid to and collected by the department or its agent upon the registration or renewal of registration of the following:

- (1) MOTORCYCLES AND MOPEDS. -
- (c) Upon registration of a motorcycle, motor-driven cycle, or moped, in addition to the license taxes specified in this

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subsection, a nonrefundable motorcycle safety education fee in the amount of \$2.50 shall be paid. The proceeds of such additional fee shall be deposited in the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund and shall be distributed as follows:

- 1. One dollar shall be paid quarterly to ABATE of Florida, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, to fund a grassroots motorcycle driver improvement program consisting of activities administered by ABATE of Florida, Inc., to increase awareness for all drivers and motorcycle safety for motorcycle operators. ABATE of Florida, Inc., may use pamphlets, outdoor advertising, and personal contact with the public to enhance motorcycle awareness and safety. ABATE of Florida, Inc., shall file an annual report with the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives outlining the types of activities ABATE of Florida, Inc., conducted and stating the number of individuals who had exposure to the materials.
- 2. The remaining \$1.50 shall be used to fund a motorcycle driver improvement program implemented pursuant to s. 322.025, the Florida Motorcycle Safety Education Program established in s. 322.0255, or the general operations of the department.
- Section 2. Section 322.025, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 322.025 Driver improvement.—The department may implement programs to improve the driving ability of the drivers of this state. Such programs may include, but shall not be limited to,

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safety awareness campaigns, driver training, and licensing improvement. Motorcycle driver improvement programs implemented pursuant to this section or s. 322.0255 may be funded by the portion of the motorcycle safety education fee collected pursuant to s. 320.08(1)(c)2. s. 320.08(1)(c), which shall be deposited in the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.

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