

(H. B. 1287)

(No. 47)

(Approved August 11, 2005)

AN ACT

To declare the month of May as the “Motorcycle Driving and Road Safety Month.”

STATEMENT OF MOTIVES

Motorcycle riding in Puerto Rico has had a considerable growth in the past years. Said growth has increased more than fifty percent when compared to the increase in the sale of motorcycles from 2003 to 2004. This has caused an increase in the number of motorcyclist fatalities in our thoroughfares. When compared to the motorcycles accident rate in the United States, that of Puerto Rico is much higher.

The use of the motorcycles has countless advantages, it not only saves fuel, but also helps to reduce traffic congestion; it also reduces the environmental pollution if compared to an automobile; and they can be easily parked and do not increase damages to our thoroughfares.

The practice of the motorcycle sport, motorcycle clubs as well as riding cruiser motorcycles have also boomed, thus promoting friendship and attracting people from all over the world to the Island.

By designating the month of May as the “Motorcycle Driving and Road Safety Month,” it is hereby recognized that in Puerto Rico there is a need to educate motorcyclists on their right to use and travel in thoroughfares. The boom in the number of motorcycles in public thoroughfares, which now

share the roads with automobiles, makes it necessary to promote safety in the use and driving of motorcycles.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF PUERTO RICO:

Section 1.- The month of May of each year is hereby declared as the “Motorcycle Driving and Road Safety Month.”

Section 2.- A copy of the annual proclamation shall be distributed to the media for its disclosure.

Section 3.- This Act shall take effect immediately after its approval.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify to the Secretary of State that the following Act No. 47 (H.B. 1287) of the 1st Session of the 15th Legislature of Puerto Rico:

AN ACT to declare the month of May as the “Motorcycle Driving and Road Safety Month”,

has been translated from Spanish to English and that the English version is correct.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, today 14th of October of 2005.

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Director