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H.B. No. 4531

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 4531:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the use and safety of certain types of motorcycles and the establishment of a training requirement for the use of such motorcycles; providing a penalty.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subtitle G, Title 7, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Chapter 664 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 664. HIGH-PERFORMANCE MOTORCYCLE TRAINING

Sec. 664.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

(1) "Motorcycle" has the meaning assigned by Section 502.001 and includes a motorcycle equipped with a sidecar.

(2) "Operator" has the meaning assigned by Section 541.001.

(3) "Owner" has the meaning assigned by Section 541.001.

(4) "High-performance motorcycle" means a motorcycle with a weight-to-power ratio of less than 3-1/2 pounds per horsepower, as determined by referencing the data contained on the manufacturer's certificate of origin for the motorcycle and dividing the motorcycle's dry shipping weight by its Society of Automotive Engineers net horsepower as shown on the manufacturer's certificate of origin.

Sec. 664.002. (a) Each owner and operator of a high-performance motorcycle purchased on or after September 1,

1 2009, is required to take the training described by Chapter 662
2 within 180 days of the purchase of the motorcycle. Proof of
3 successful completion of the training must be carried by the
4 operator of a motorcycle purchased on or after September 1, 2009,
5 and produced on demand of any peace officer of this state.

6 (b) An offense under this section is a Class C misdemeanor.

7 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.