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H.B. No. 4531

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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

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

HIGH-PERFORMANCE MOTORCYCLE TRAINING

Sec. 664.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

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

(2) "Operator" has the meaning assigned that term by Sec. 541.001.

(3) "Owner" has the meaning assigned that term by Sec. 541.001.

(2) "High-performance motorcycle" means any motorcycle referred to, called, labeled, or described as a "sports bike", "sports motorcycle", "high performance motorcycle", or other similar term, in any materials given to an original purchaser at the time of purchase from any dealership or retail seller of such motorcycle, or contained in the owners manual or guides from the manufacturer of such motorcycle, whether or not actually delivered to the purchaser.

Sec. 664.002. All owners and operators of a high

1 performance motorcycle purchased on or after September 1, 2009, are
2 required to take the training described under Title 7, Subtitle G.
3 Chapter 662, Transportation Code within 180 days of the purchase of
4 such motorcycle. Proof of such attendance must be maintained by the
5 operator of such motorcycles and must be produced upon demand of any
6 law enforcement or peace officer of the state.

7 Sec. 664.004. An offense under this chapter is punishable
8 by a fine of not less than \$500 (five hundred dollars) and not more
9 than \$1000 (one thousand dollars).

10 SECTION 2. This act takes effect September 1, 2009.