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## Motorcycle Safety and ATV Operator Safety programs join TDLR September 1

**AUSTIN** – Beginning September 1, the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation will oversee the Motorcycle Safety and All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) Operator Safety programs.

Senate Bill 616 (Texas Legislature 86<sup>th</sup> Regular Session) transferred the programs from the Texas Department of Public Safety to TDLR, which already oversees the [Driver Education and Safety \(DES\)](#) program.

“We look forward to providing comprehensive driver education courses for operators of vehicles with two, three or four wheels,” said Brian E. Francis, TDLR executive director. “Riding a motorcycle is fun and exciting – but it also is much more challenging than driving a car. These courses help riders develop the safety skills that can help protect them when they’re out on the beautiful roads of Texas – and ultimately, help reduce the number of preventable traffic fatalities in Texas.”

The [Motorcycle Safety program](#) regulates and licenses instructors and schools that conduct motorcycle operation and safety courses. The ATV Operator Safety program regulates and licenses instructors who conduct courses on safely operating off-highway vehicles including all-terrain vehicles.

TDLR’s DES program includes traditional driver education, the parent-taught driver education program and the Drug and Alcohol Driving Awareness program, a court-mandated course that focuses on the effects of drugs and alcohol on driving.

### About TDLR

*TDLR provides regulatory oversight for a broad range of occupations, businesses, facilities, and equipment in Texas. The agency protects the health and safety of Texans by ensuring they are served by qualified, licensed professionals. Inspections of individuals, businesses, and equipment are done on a regular basis to safeguard the public. Currently, the agency regulates 39 business and occupational licensing programs with more than 1,000,000 licensees across the state.*

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