



MINNESOTA SAFETY COUNCIL

 Chapter of the National Safety Council

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Honorable Jon Koznick
Honorable Brad Tabke
Minnesota House of Representatives
Centennial Office Building
658 Cedar Street
St. Paul, MN 55155

RE: HF3785 - Requirements for Motorized Bicycles – MSC Support

Dear Co-Chair Koznick, Co-Chair Tabke and the members of the Transportation Finance and Policy Committee,

The Minnesota Safety Council (MSC) supports HF3785 and the definitions and requirements for motorized bicycles as proposed in the bill. HF3785 is needed to separate use and management of “E-Motos” from E-Bikes. E-Motos need to be addressed separately from E-Bikes because they function effectively as electric motorcycles, are in common use in places and in ways that are not safe, and are commonly being driven by underage operators.

The definitions and requirements in HF3785 will help cities, towns and counties put in place the use standards that will protect the safety of E-Moto users, other vehicles, pedestrians and other roadway users. The registration requirements in HF3785 will help E-Moto buyers, parents of an underage E-Moto user and E-Moto and E-Bike dealers understand the permissions and obligations of ownership and use.

Over the past three years, MSC has received an increasing number of inquiries from police departments and political jurisdictions asking for advice and model language for E-Moto management. During that same time, first responders and emergency rooms have reported a sharp increase in E-Moto related crashes and injuries. These events are frequent enough to trigger national news stories about the issues caused by improper use of E-Motos and similar vehicles. HF3785 is a timely step forward in managing E-Motos and MSC urges you to support the bill.

Thank you for your time and attention to traffic safety and the safety of all roadway users.

Sincerely,

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