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Overview

This bill creates a motorcycle road guard certificate under which a person can stop and hold traffic during a motorcycle group ride.

- 1 Obedience to traffic-control signal or flagger; presumptions. Permits holders of a motorcycle road guard certificate who are acting as a flagger for a motorcycle ride to stop and hold traffic, and override traffic control devices to direct motorcycle operators or other vehicles. Requires drivers to remain stopped until directed to proceed.
- 2 [171.60] Motorcycle road guard certificate. Establishes a motorcycle road guard certificate program.
 - Subd. 1. Certificate required. Restricts performing traffic control by a motorcycle road guard unless the person holds a valid motorcycle road guard certificate.
 - Subd. 2. Certification qualifications and standards. Directs the Minnesota Motorcycle Safety Center in the Department of Public Safety to: set qualifications to obtain a certificate; create and provide a certification course; and establish vehicle and equipment standards. Sets minimum requirements, including completion of a certification course and use of a safety vest.
 - Subd. 3. Fee. Directs the department to set a fee for the certificate based on agency costs in implementing the program.
 - Subd. 4. Penalty. Makes violation of the section a petty misdemeanor.
 - Subd. 5. Rulemaking. Directs the department to adopt administrative rules governing motorcycle road guard certificates, including setting the certificate fee.
- 3 Effective date. Except for rulemaking authority, makes the certificate program effective one year following publication of associated administrative rules.