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Committee Bill No. 303

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Referred to Committee on VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Introduced by:
(VA)

AN ACT CONCERNING MOTORCYCLE ENDORSEMENTS FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 14-40a of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2013*):

4 (c) Before granting a motorcycle endorsement to any applicant who
5 has not held such an endorsement at any time within the preceding
6 two years, the commissioner shall require the applicant to present
7 evidence satisfactory to the commissioner that such applicant has
8 successfully completed a novice motorcycle training course conducted
9 by the Department of Transportation with federal funds available for
10 the purpose of such course, or by any firm or organization that
11 conducts such a course that uses the curriculum of the Motorcycle
12 Safety Foundation or other safety or educational organization that has
13 developed a curriculum approved by the commissioner. If such
14 applicant has not obtained a motorcycle instruction permit pursuant to
15 subsection (b) of this section, the applicant shall also pass an
16 examination, other than the driving skills test, demonstrating that the

17 applicant is a proper person to operate a motorcycle, has sufficient
18 knowledge of the mechanism of a motorcycle to ensure its safe
19 operation by such applicant, and has satisfactory knowledge of the law
20 concerning motorcycles and other motor vehicles and the rules of the
21 road. The commissioner may waive the requirement of such
22 examination for any applicant who presents documentation that such
23 applicant: (1) Is on active military duty with the armed forces, as
24 defined in section 27-103; (2) is stationed outside the state; and (3) has
25 completed a novice motorcycle training course conducted by any firm
26 or organization using the curriculum of the Motorcycle Safety
27 Foundation not more than two years prior to the date of such
28 applicant's application. When the commissioner is satisfied as to the
29 ability and competency of the applicant, the commissioner may issue
30 an endorsement to such applicant, either unlimited or containing such
31 limitations as the commissioner deems advisable. If an applicant or
32 motorcycle endorsement holder has any health problem which might
33 affect such person's ability to operate a motorcycle safely, the
34 commissioner may require the applicant or endorsement holder to
35 demonstrate personally that, notwithstanding the problem, such
36 person is a proper person to operate a motorcycle, and the
37 commissioner may further require a certificate of the applicant's
38 condition, signed by a medical authority designated by the
39 commissioner, which certificate shall, in all cases, be treated as
40 confidential by the commissioner. With respect to any vision test
41 required by the commissioner prior to granting a motorcycle
42 endorsement, the commissioner may waive such requirement for any
43 applicant who presents the documentation described in subdivisions
44 (1) to (3), inclusive, of this subsection, and presents documentation of a
45 vision test administered by the United States Department of Defense or
46 a branch of the armed forces, as defined in section 27-103,
47 demonstrating that such applicant meets the vision standards for a
48 motorcycle endorsement established by the commissioner, provided
49 such vision test was administered not more than two years prior to the
50 date of such applicant's application. An endorsement, containing such

51 limitation as the commissioner deems advisable may be issued or
52 renewed in any case, but nothing in this section shall be construed to
53 prevent the commissioner from refusing an endorsement, either
54 limited or unlimited, to any person or suspending an endorsement of a
55 person whom the commissioner deems incapable of safely operating a
56 motorcycle.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2013	14-40a(c)

Statement of Purpose:

To ease the requirements for obtaining a motorcycle endorsement for members of the armed forces on active duty.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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