

Vulnerable user bill Testimony:

This past fall, I was riding my horse one day on a secondary road when a motorcyclist came upon us so fast I did not have time to collect my horse to turn and face him. By the time the motorcyclist was beside me my horse was standing straight up in the air on his hind legs. I have never been so high in the air horizontally, I lost contact with my horse and fell directly backwards landing flat on my back on the paved road, looking up. All I could see was my life pass before me and my horse coming backward on top of me, I truly thought I was done. Fortunately, my horse went down on his hocks and went forward fleeing in fear and ran across an intersection on a state road with little visibility from either side. My horse didn't kill me but could have been hit by a car running from the scene.

The driver of the motorcycle never slowed when he saw me on the road, never slowed when he passed me with my horse in the air and never even stopped or looked twice.

My horse did make it across the road okay but suffered deep wounds where the he came down on the back of his legs the skin under the hair was torn away on the pavement exposing the flesh underneath. I was able to get up and flagged down another passing motorcyclist who helped me to get home and then in turn go back to find my horse.

I urge you to please support this bill and make it publicly known, so perhaps people driving will pay heed to others sharing the road.

Sincerely,

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