



Motorcyclists rally at capitol

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Tallahassee, Florida - Motorcyclists from around Florida rumbled into Tallahassee on Monday to call for stiffer penalties for drivers who cause serious crashes.

Members of ABATE rallied at the state Capitol in support of legislation that would send careless drivers to jail if they hurt or kill someone in a crash.

Under the proposed bill, anyone convicted of a moving violation that causes serious injury would go to jail for a minimum of 30 days.

If the violation kills someone, the driver would get a minimum sentence of 90 days in jail.

ABATE spokesman David Rich says Florida must get tougher with drivers who cause serious injuries or deaths. "If someone's injured, maybe it's not a major crash, at least they have house arrest, fines, and if they really kill someone, they need to go to jail for at least a minimum of 90 days or so."

A Senate committee passed the bill on Monday but time is running out.

The legislative session ends next week and the measure still faces two more committee votes before it can head to the full Senate for debate.

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