



# Texas Motorcycle Program Updates

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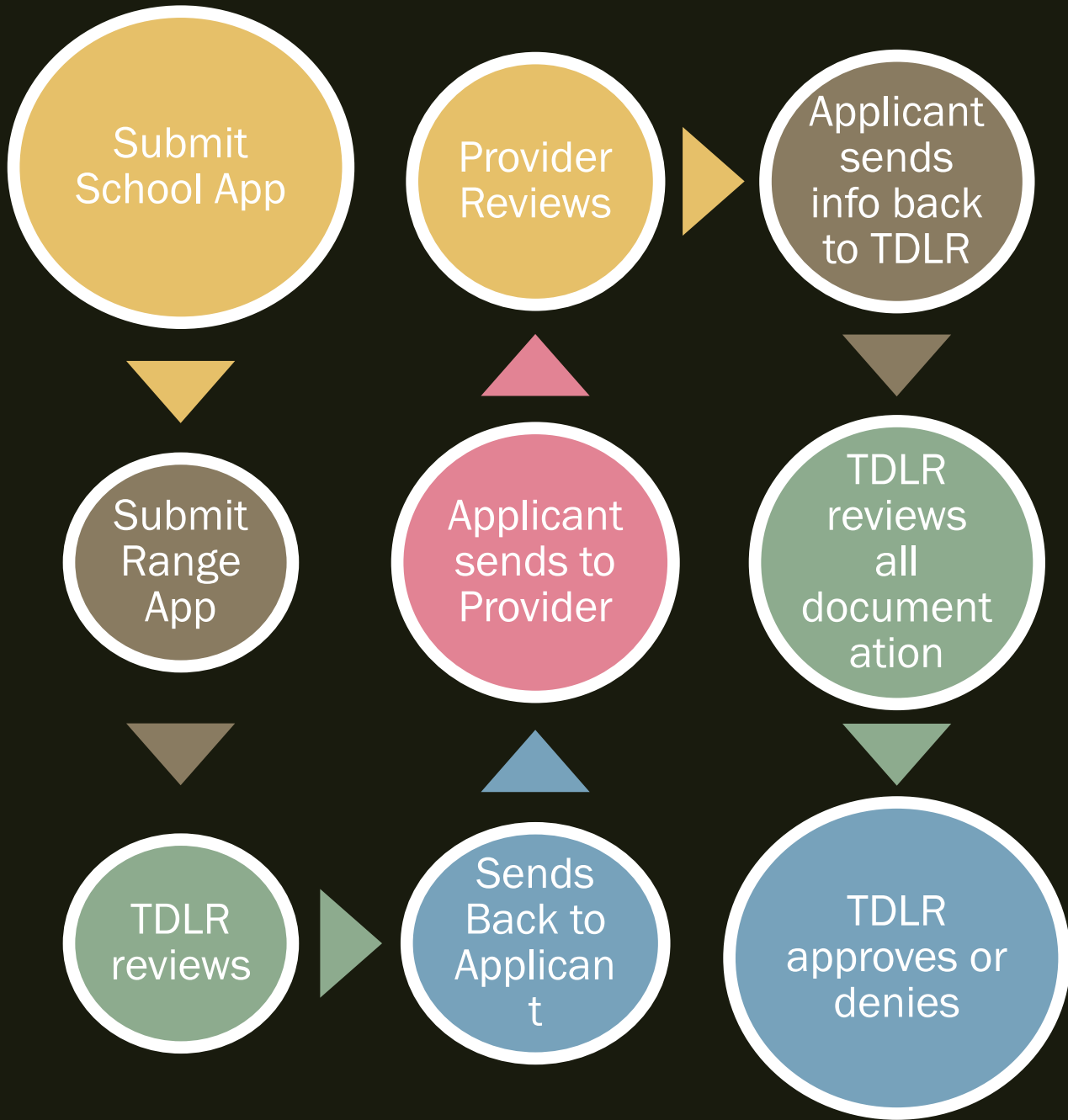


A photograph of two motorcyclists riding on a dirt road. The lead rider is on a black and green motorcycle, leaning into a turn. A second rider is following closely behind. To the left is a large, textured earthen mound. The background shows a hazy, overcast sky and a winding road with a double arrow sign pointing left.

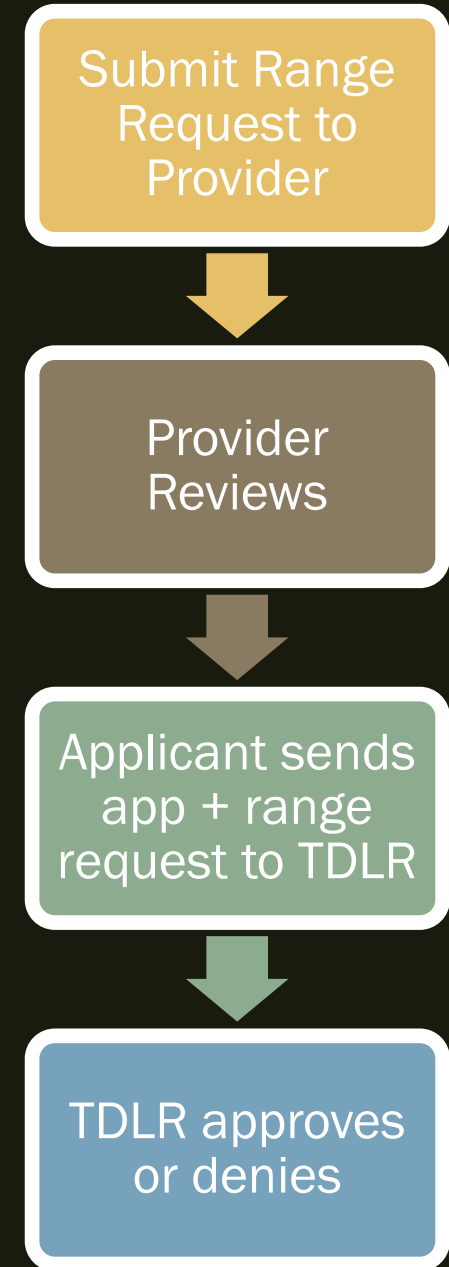
# Program Related Enhancements

- Simplified the Range Approval Process
- De-regulated areas of instruction (track days, off-road skills, etc.)
- Bringing a new licensing system to schools and instructors

# Former Process



# New Process







**501 MOTORCYCLE  
EDUCATION FUND**



# 501 Education Fund

- SB616 (86R) transferred the Motorcycle Operator Training and Safety program from DPS to TDLR.
- The bill created new requirements in statute, requiring the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) to administer a Commission-approved training program on motorcycle operator training and safety instruction and requiring the Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI) to research motorcycle safety, provide advocacy on motorcycle safety issues and provide education to the public on motorcycle safety issues.

# 501 Education Fund

- The statute authorizes TDLR to contract with TEEEX and TTI for the services they must perform or to award them grants from the Motorcycle Safety Grant Program for their services.
- However, TDLR was not appropriated funding to either contract or award grants under the program.



# 501 Education Fund

- When TLDR was appropriated funding to operate the program, it was given the exact same appropriation DPS was to receive to administer the program if it had not been transferred. However, DPS did not have to contract or award grants to TEEX and TTI.
- TEEX and TTI provided TDLR with information regarding funding they would need to perform the functions required by statute. However, TDLR did not receive the funding to pay either entity the amounts they needed. TDLR utilized the funds allocated that DPS would have used to administer the program to pay these entities.

# 501 Education Fund



- \$679,00 spent funding other agencies
- Total of \$750,000 awarded to run program in total



A nighttime photograph of the Texas State Capitol building in Austin, Texas. The building is illuminated, and its dome is a central focus. In the foreground, a large number of motorcycles are parked in rows. The scene is lit by streetlights and building lights, creating a vibrant urban atmosphere. Trees with string lights are visible on the right side of the image.

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Bill: SB 1

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Fiscal Impact Statement (View description of fiscal statement here)



1                   (3) conducted at a motorcycle school.

2                   (c) The commission by rule shall establish minimum  
3 curriculum standards for instructor training courses to be offered  
4 to meet the requirement of [~~Texas A&M Engineering Extension~~  
5 ~~Service, in consultation with the department, shall administer the~~  
6 ~~training program required by]~~ Section 662.0062(a)(1).

7                   SECTION 8. Section 662.008, Transportation Code, is amended  
8 to read as follows:

9                   Sec. 662.008. GROUNDS FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION [~~DENIAL,~~  
10 ~~SUSPENSION, OR REVOCATION OF INSTRUCTOR OR MOTORCYCLE SCHOOL~~  
11 ~~LICENSE]~~. (a) The executive director or commission may deny an  
12 application for or for the renewal of, suspend, or revoke a license  
13 issued under this chapter if the applicant, instructor, instructor

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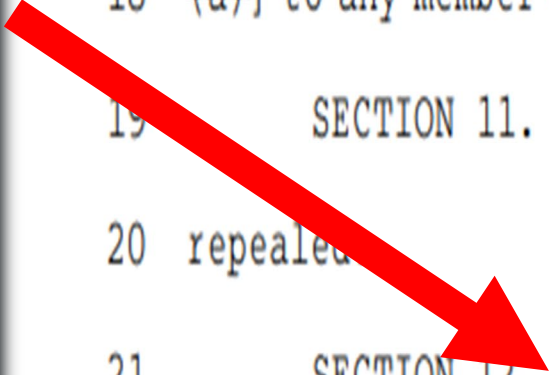
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15 ~~Subsection (a) on a by-site basis~~].

16 (c) The department shall provide without charge a copy of  
17 the most recent reports submitted under this section [~~Subsection~~  
18 ~~(a)~~] to any member of the legislature on request.

19 SECTION 11. Section 662.0115, Transportation Code, is  
20 repealed.

21 SECTION 12. This Act takes effect January 1, 2024.



# LAW V. RULES

## What's the Difference?

A **LAW** is like the framework of a house. It determines the basic structure of the house, like:

- Number of stories;
- Location of rooms; and
- Window placement.

After the house is finished, these elements can be changed, but it takes a lot of work and time.

Only the Texas Legislature can make changes to Texas laws.





# LAW V. RULES

## What's the Difference?

A **RULE** is like the interior design of a house. Rules determine the details of the house, like:

- Paint color;
- Floor material; and
- Cabinet finish.

After the house is finished, these elements are much easier to change.

Changes to TDLR rules go through the advisory committee, then to the TDLR Commission.



# SUMMARY: LAW VS RULE

- Laws are created by the Texas Legislature
- Only the Texas Legislature can change a law
- State agencies cannot lobby for changes in the law
- State agencies are required to administer the law as it is written
- Changes can happen, but they take a lot of work and time
- To make a change, talk to your State Senator or Representative about what law you want changed and why

- TDLR writes rules to implement the law
- Rules cannot create stricter standards than what the law specifies
- TDLR consults with the advisory committee before rules go to the TDLR Commission
- The TDLR Commission adopts rules
- TDLR is required to follow a process to change a rule, but it is relatively simple
- To comment on a proposed rule, you can submit comments online:

<https://ga.tdlr.texas.gov:1443/form/gcerules>





A photograph of a motorcycle parked on the side of a paved road. The motorcycle is viewed from the rear-left, showing its dual exhaust pipes, rear wheel, and a license plate that reads "HP 47" and "4542". The background features a vast, scenic view of rolling green mountains under a cloudy sky. A dark semi-transparent box is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing white text.

# Filed Bills in the 88<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislative Session



# 30 Motorcycle related bills filed

- **SB261** - Relating to the definition of assembled vehicle.
- **SB505 and HB2199** - Relating to imposing an additional fees for the registration of an electric vehicle.
- **HB1606** - Relating to the diagnosis, maintenance, and repair of digital electronic equipment.

# Motorcycle related bills

- **SB1182** - Relating to motor vehicle registration and license plates.
- **SB1405 and HB2385** - Relating to exempting certain autocycles from the requirement that an operator or passenger of an autocycle wear protective headgear.
- **SB568 and HB5147** - Relating to the rules of the road regarding red signals at certain traffic-control signals.



# Motorcycle related bills

- **SB859, HB3313 and HB4503** - Relating to the use of certain lighting equipment (LED Ground effect lighting amber/white only) on motorcycles and mopeds.
- **SB903, SB1090 and HB2433** - Relating to the definition of a motorcycle.
- **SB1115 and HB3701** - Relating to the titling, registration, and operation of an autocyte.
- **HB501 and HB828** - Relating to the age of criminal responsibility and to certain substantive and procedural matters related to that age.

# Motorcycle related bills

- SB2190 - Relating to the terminology used to describe transportation-related accidents.
- HB2465 and HB4122 - Relating to the operation and movement of motorcycles on a roadway laned for traffic. (Lane sharing/filtering/splitting)
- SB616 and HB258 - Relating to motorcycle profiling by peace officers.



# Motorcycle related bills

- **HB2465 and HB4122** - Relating to the operation and movement of motorcycles on a roadway laned for traffic. (Lane sharing/filtering/splitting)

(a) The operator of a motorcycle: (1) is entitled to full use of a lane and, except as otherwise provided by Subdivision (2), a motor vehicle may not be driven in a manner that deprives a motorcycle of the full use of a lane;

(2) may operate the motorcycle two abreast in a single lane with another motorcycle; and

(3) may not; (A) operate the motorcycle more than two abreast in a single lane with other motorcycles; (B) operate the motorcycle between lanes of traffic moving in the same direction; or (C) pass a motor vehicle while in the same lane as the vehicle being passed. (b) Subsection (a)(3) does not apply to a police officer in the performance of the officer's official duties.

# Motorcycle related bills

- **HB3645** - Relating to requirements for the issuance of certain driver's licenses and commercial driver's licenses.
- **SB2093** - Relating to preventing racial profiling and to video and audio equipment and recordings of certain law enforcement motor vehicle stops; creating an offense.
- **HB4504** - Relating to the nonsubstantive revision of certain provisions of the Code of Criminal Procedure, including conforming amendments.



# Motorcycle related bills

- **SB478** - Relating to the administration of the motorcycle operator training and safety program; requiring an occupational license; authorizing a fee.
- **HB3389** - Relating to a refund of motor vehicle sales taxes paid on certain bad debt.
- **HB3798** - Relating to making certain voluntary contributions when applying for a driver's license, commercial driver's license, or personal identification certificate.

# Motorcycle related bills

- **SB478** - Relating to the administration of the motorcycle operator training and safety program; requiring an occupational license; authorizing a fee.

- Removes language referring to points under driver responsibility program for instructors
  - Adds in number of violations and/or crashes and convictions such as vehicular manslaughter and DWI during the previous 7 years
- Allows Commission to adopt by rule additional eligibility requirements and criteria for the issuance of an instructor training provider
- Adds fingerprinting requirements and background check information



# Motorcycle related bills

- **SB478** - Relating to the administration of the motorcycle operator training and safety program; requiring an occupational license; authorizing a fee.
- 662.0064. INSTRUCTOR TRAINING COURSES – amended to remove TEEEX as sole provider of instructor training courses and adds:
  - (a) An individual may not offer or conduct an instructor training course unless the individual holds an instructor training provider license issued by the department. (b) instructor training course must be:
    - (1) approved by the department;
    - (2) offered and conducted in accordance with commission rules; and
    - (3) conducted at a motorcycle school.

# Motorcycle related bills

- **SB478** - Relating to the administration of the motorcycle operator training and safety program; requiring an occupational license; authorizing a fee.
- 662.011(b). INSTRUCTOR TRAINING COURSES – amended requirements regarding 501 Motorcycle education fund by removing:
  - ~~(3) administering the grant program under Section 662.0115.~~
- Section 662.0115 is repealed regarding Motorcycle Education Grant Funding

# Motorcycle related bills

- **SB478** - Relating to the administration of the motorcycle operator training and safety program; requiring an occupational license; authorizing a fee.
  - 662.012. REPORTS – amended requirements regarding required reports to be submitted to the department by removing:
    - ~~number and types of courses provided in the reporting period;~~
    - ~~number of persons who took each course in the reporting period;~~
    - ~~number of instructors available to provide training under the school's program in the reporting period~~
    - ~~information collected by surveying persons taking each course as to the length of any waiting period the person experienced before being able to enroll in the course;~~
    - ~~number of persons on a waiting list for a course at the end of the reporting period; and~~
    - ~~other information the department reasonably requires.~~
- Adds language to allow department to set requirements by rule





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