

## Legislative Report

18 April 2021

**Election Results** (1): Being an off year election, voter turnout was low across the board, I do have Jo Daviess, Stephenson County election night recap. Ogle County recap is indeed available online but it is broken down into individual precincts (56). I will be happy to forward any particular precincts to you upon request. Winnebago County does not have its election results posted online at this time as there are still 8 days left for "mail in" ballots to arrive.

**Trailer Plate bills** (2): The Following bills have been Re-referred to House Rules Committee; HB0036, HB636, HB0682, HB0837, HB1898, HB 1929, HB2895, HB2917, HB3315 on 27 March in one swoop sent back to the Rules Committee. But we have bills in the Senate still alive; SB0069, SB0533, SB1660 and I am tracking those bills in the Senate Transportation Committee as we speak.

**HB0656 MOTORCYCLE PASSENGERS** (2): Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Requires the passenger of a motorcycle to be capable of resting a foot on the footrest while the motorcycle is in motion. On 16 April passed the House heading to the Senate.

**Off Highway Plates** (2): **SB0070 LICENSE PLATES NON-HWY VEH** "Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that the Secretary of State shall issue distinctive registration plates for non-highway vehicles. Provides that the Secretary shall issue these plates only to non-highway vehicles that are insured and have brakes, a steering apparatus, tires, a rearview mirror, red reflectorized warning devices in the front and rear, a slow moving emblem on the rear, a headlight that emits a white light, a tail lamp that emits a red light, brake lights, and turn signals. Provides that every owner of a non-highway vehicle that drives upon a roadway with a posted speed limit of 35 miles per hour or less shall pay the Secretary an annual registration fee of \$76. Provides that the registration fee shall be distributed as follows: \$1 to the State Treasurer, for deposit into the State Police Service Fund; \$30 to the State Treasurer, for deposit into the Road Fund; and \$45 to the Treasurer of the county of residence of the owner of the non-highway vehicle, for deposit into the road fund of the county. Provides that vehicles with a registration plate may be operated on any street, highway, or roadway where the posted speed limit is 35 miles per hour or less or any county highway where the posted speed limit is 55 miles per hour or less and may make a direct crossing upon or across certain roads." 16 April re-referred to Assignments.

**SB1802 VEH CD-ALL-TERRAIN PLATES** "Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that the Secretary of State may issue registration plates for all-terrain vehicles and recreational off-highway vehicles. Prescribes placement of registration plates on the rear of all-terrain and recreational off-highway vehicles. Provides registration fees and surcharges. Provides that all-terrain vehicles and recreational off-highway vehicles may be operated on rural roads. Limits home rule powers with respect to the discretion of a municipality, township, county, or other unit of local government to regulate the usage of all-terrain vehicles and recreational off-highway vehicles on roads under their jurisdiction. Effective immediately." 16 Apr 2021 referred to Assignments

**HB2617 Motorcycle profiling bill** (2): Lance Yednock 76<sup>th</sup> District; "Amends the Department of State Police Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Provides that the Illinois State Police shall conduct or approve a training program for State police officers concerning procedures against the practice of motorcycle profiling. Amends the Illinois Police Training Act. Provides that the curriculum for probationary police officers which shall be offered by all certified schools shall include courses on motorcycle profiling. Defines "motorcycle profiling". We are told over the summer work will be completed to include language dealing with Government administration agencies imposing bans on motorcycle attire in businesses with gaming licenses. Currently the status on this bill says it is slated for a 2<sup>nd</sup> reading on the House Floor. Josh says this is an error? Watching.

**Freedom Rally** (3): Our Freedom Rally is lock on as a "GO" for 2 May 2021. Three years ago we had around 700 motorcycles in attendance. As we were locked out last year, we would enjoyed 1,000! So promote our event. Open to all riders, all styles of bikes and ATV/UTV. Signing waivers in advance, please use updated waiver on the ABATE of Illinois website, front page.

**Witness Slips list/email address:** As you know, I have a compiled witness slips list. As bills are moving at hugh

**NTSB Safety Recommendations** (4) (Wish List for 2021 H-18-029) Incorporate motorcycles in the development of performance standards for passenger vehicle crash warning and prevention systems. H-18-030 Incorporate motorcycles in the development of performance standards for connected vehicle-to-vehicle systems. H-18-031 Work with the Federal Highway Administration to incorporate motorcycles in the development of performance standards for connected vehicle-to-infrastructure systems. H-18-032 Require all new motorcycles manufactured for on-road use in the United States be equipped with antilock braking system technology. H-18-033 Conduct or sponsor research to evaluate the effectiveness of stability control systems for motorcycles. H-18-034 Based on the research recommended in Safety Recommendation H-18-33, develop and publish performance standards for stability control systems on motorcycles, and require systems meeting those standards on all new motorcycles manufactured for on-road use in the United States. H-18-037 Work with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to incorporate motorcycles in the development of performance standards for connected vehicle-to-infrastructure systems. I wish to point out the NTSB has shifted from its 10 plus year stance on "Safer Crashes" to "Crash Avoidance." It is a plus for motorcyclist, but the path getting there has a bridge to cross yet. NTSB stance is "technology" is the path. Our stance is more in Driver Awareness, Safety and Education Classes, Rider Training and Public Awareness.

**Federal Bills** (5): H.R.762 - SAFE TO DRIVE Act This bill requires the Department of Transportation to use up to 25% of the amounts available for national priority safety program grants to award grants to any state that certifies it has enacted a distracted driving statute that (1) is applicable to drivers of all ages, (2) makes a violation of the statute a primary offense, and (3) prohibits texting or all non-navigational viewing of a personal wireless communications device. (monitor

H.R.803 - Protecting America's Wilderness and Public Lands Act This bill provides for the preservation, conservation, and recreational use of public lands, including in Arizona, California, Maine, North Carolina, Oregon, Virginia, Washington, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. In Colorado, the bill designates wilderness, potential wilderness, a recreation management area, wildlife conservation areas, a national historic landscape, and special management areas and establishes the Greater Thompson Divide Fugitive Coal Mine Methane Use Pilot Program, the Fugitive Methane Emission Leasing Program, and a recreation area. (Monitor)

H.R.1019 - E-BIKE Act This bill allows a refundable tax credit for 30% of the cost of a qualified electric bicycle. The credit is limited to \$1,500 per taxpayer less all credits allowed for the two preceding taxable years. A *qualified electric bicycle* is a two-wheeled vehicle that is, among other things, equipped with an electric motor of less than 750 watts that is capable of propelling such vehicle. (Monitor)

H.R.1542 - To amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to provide grants for deployment of renewable fuel infrastructure, to finalize proposed rules relating to requirements for E15 fuel dispenser labeling and underground storage tank compatibility, and for other purposes. (opposed)

S.227 - Renewable Fuel Infrastructure Investment and Market Expansion Act of 2021(Opposed)

**Montana Lane Filtering Law** (6): Montana bill S.B.9, which goes into effect October 1, 2021, says that motorcyclists are allowed to split between other motorists when the lanes are wide enough, road conditions are safe, and the rider is traveling under 20 mph. When splitting lanes, the motorcyclist must stay within 10 mph of ambient traffic speeds. "As lane-splitting support continues to gain traction across the country, I am eager to help more motorcyclists engage their state legislatures on this issue," said Tiffany Cipoletti, AMA's on-highway government relations manager.

Allow me to say, when it comes to lane filtering, this legislation I could support personally. More restrictive California law and much more usable than Utah law. Three State have lane filtering or lane splitting legal at this time California, Montana and Utah.

- (1)County Clerks of Jo Daviess, Ogle, Stephenson and Winnebago.
- (2) Illinois General Assembly website.
- (3) ABATE of Illinois website
- (4) National Transportation Safety board https

(5) [Bill Tracking - American Motorcyclist Association](#)

(6) [Lane Splitting for Motorcycles Will Soon Be Legal in Montana \(roadandtrack.com\)](#)