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**SENATE BILL NO. 835** 

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A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 46.2-1188 and 46.2-1190 of the Code of Virginia, relating to motorcycle rider safety training programs and regional motorcycle rider safety training centers.

Patrons—Watkins, Houck and Puckett

Referred to Committee on Transportation

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 46.2-1188 and 46.2-1190 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 46.2-1188. Motorcycle rider safety training courses.

"Motorcycle rider safety training courses" shall mean courses of instruction in the operation of motorcycles, including instruction in the safe on-road operation of motorcycles, the rules of the road, and the laws of the Commonwealth relating to motor vehicles. Courses shall meet the requirements of this article and regulations issued pursuant to this article by the Department of Motor Vehicles and shall be required to be approved by the Department of Motor Vehicles.

§ 46.2-1190. Regional motorcycle rider safety training centers.

Any high school, institution of higher education, or safety training expert authorized by the Department may organize a regional motorcycle rider safety training center and offer motorcycle rider safety training courses. The *facilities, equipment,* curriculum, accreditation, and geographic areas in which each training center may offer courses shall be provided for approved by regulations of the Department. Training centers shall maintain such records and provide such reports as determined by the Department. Instructors shall meet the requirements of the Department and the requirements of the institution, or safety training expert offering the program. Instructors may be employed on a calendar year basis.