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| 1 | S.152 |
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| 2 | Introduced by Senator Benning |
| 3 | Referred to Committee on |
| 4 | Date: |
| 5 | Subject: Motor vehicles; motorcycles; endorsements |
| 6 | Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require the |
| 7 | Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to offer a motorcycle endorsement specific |
| 8 | to three-wheeled motorcycles. |
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| 9 | An act relating to an endorsement for three-wheeled motorcycles |
| 10 | It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont: |
| 11 | Sec. 1. 23 V.S.A. § 601(f) is amended to read: |
| 12 | (f) Operators of autocycles shall be exempt from the requirements to obtain |
| 13 | a motorcycle learner's permit or a motorcycle endorsement. The |
| 14 | Commissioner shall offer operators of three-wheeled motorcycles that are not |
| 15 | autocycles the opportunity to obtain a motorcycle endorsement that authorizes |
| 16 | the operation of three-wheeled motorcycles only. |
| 17 | Sec. 2. 23 V.S.A. § 617 is amended to read: |
| 18 | § 617. LEARNER'S PERMIT |
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| 1 | (b)(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, any |
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| 2 | licensed person may apply to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles for a |
| 3 | learner's permit for the operation of a motorcycle in the form prescribed by the |
| 4 | Commissioner. The Commissioner shall offer a motorcycle learner's permit |
| 5 | that authorizes the operation of three-wheeled motorcycles only, and a |
| 6 | motorcycle learner's permit that authorizes the operation of any motorcycle. |
| 7 | The Commissioner shall require payment of a fee of \$20.00 at the time |
| 8 | application is made. |
| 9 | (2) After the applicant has successfully passed all parts of the applicable |
| 10 | motorcycle endorsement examination, other than a skill test, the Commissioner |
| 11 | may issue to the applicant a learner's permit which that entitles the applicant, |
| 12 | subject to subsection 615(a) of this title, to operate a three-wheeled |
| 13 | motorcycle, or any motorcycle, upon the public highways for a period of 120 |
| 14 | days from the date of issuance. The fee for the examination shall be \$9.00. |
| 15 | (3) A motorcycle learner's permit may be renewed only twice upon |
| 16 | payment of a \$20.00 fee. If, during the original permit period and two |
| 17 | renewals, the permittee has not successfully passed the applicable skill test or |
| 18 | the motorcycle rider training course, he or she may not obtain another |
| 19 | motorcycle learner's permit for a period of 12 months from the expiration of |
| 20 | the permit unless: |

| 1 | (A) he or she has successfully completed the <u>applicable</u> motorcycle |
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| 2 | rider training course; or |
| 3 | (B) the learner's permit and renewals thereof authorized the |
| 4 | operation of any motorcycle and the permittee is seeking a learner's permit for |
| 5 | the operation of three-wheeled motorcycles only. |
| 6 | (4) This section shall not affect section 602 of this title. The fee for the |
| 7 | examination shall be \$9.00. |
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| 9 | (f) The Commissioner may authorize motorcycle rider training instructors |
| 10 | to administer either the a motorcycle endorsement examination for three- |
| 11 | wheeled motorcycles only or for any motorcycle or the a motorcycle skills skill |
| 12 | test for three-wheeled motorcycles only or for any motorcycle, or both any of |
| 13 | these. Upon successful completion of the applicable examination or test, the |
| 14 | instructor shall issue to the applicant either a temporary motorcycle learner |
| 15 | permit or notice of motorcycle endorsement, as appropriate. The instructor |
| 16 | shall immediately forward to the Commissioner the application and fee |
| 17 | together with such additional information as the Commissioner may require. |
| 18 | Sec. 3. 23 V.S.A. § 733 is amended to read: |
| 19 | § 733. MOTORCYCLE RIDER TRAINING PROGRAM |
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| (d) An adequate number of rider training courses shall be provided to meet |
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| the reasonably anticipated needs of all persons in the State who desire to |
| participate in the program, including courses for persons unable to ride two- |
| wheeled motorcycles and who are seeking an endorsement to operate three- |
| wheeled motorcycles only. The Department shall issue certificates of |
| completion in the manner and form prescribed by the Commissioner to persons |
| who satisfactorily complete the requirements of the course. |
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| Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE |
| This act shall take effect on July 1, 2018. |