

Date: February 2, 2018
To: Senate Committee on Transportation
From: Ed Paquin, Executive Director DRVT
In Re.: S.152

DRVT appreciates the invitation to testify on the proposal to set up an endorsement for three-wheeled motorcycles.

DRVT is Vermont's designated protection and advocacy agency for people with disabilities. As such we investigate abuse, neglect and rights violation of people with disabilities. It is within our mission also to advocate for the advancement of their right to equal access to all of society's opportunities.

There are people with mobility related disabilities which make operating a two wheeled motorcycle impractical. Nevertheless, they may well be able to operate a three wheeled motorcycle. Our understanding is that the current regulatory structure does not avail them the opportunity to learn and test on the vehicle which they ultimately hope to operate. This inequity of opportunity could be addressed by the endorsement envisioned in S.152.

If executed properly and with safety in mind, we believe that this could give people with disabilities the opportunity to enjoy the experience of motorcycling that might be otherwise unavailable.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal.