

This is an ABATE of Maryland, Inc. **LEGISLATIVE ALERT**

To our ABATE members and friends:

This ALERT must be treated as an urgent Call To Action.

*** Chapter Directors: please forward this on through your roster alert system***

We are knee deep into the legislative session in Annapolis. Our organization is actively working on five (5) of our bills, plus a handful of other's bills that are requiring our attention. Needless to say, that's a busy session.

Next week is going to be very busy, with *four* hearings scheduled. **This is where we need you!** Our Helmet Modification Bill in the Senate JPR Committee & the House version of the Tire Aging Bill in the ECM Committee, are both being heard on next **Tuesday, February 21 @ 1PM.**

Yes, this is going to be a logistical challenge but we can handle it with your help. We need many, many, many folks to sit in on these two hearings. Both of these bills are top priority bills for us and we can expect some strong opposition. A chamber full of bikers goes a long way in the passage of these bills.

*** We do know the Tire Aging Bill (HB729) is laying out to be a "*Battle of David & Goliath*", attracting the attention of some national opposition. Our Helmet Modification Bill (SB488), as always, will see opposition as well.

If there ever was a time that ABATE needs you to help, it is here at these hearings!

Please do try to attend.

All hearings start at 1PM. Unfortunately, we do not know the order of the bills being heard until that day, so plan to stay for awhile. Please allow enough time to park and get through security. Parking is available at the many parking garages in town or at the Navy/Marine Stadium and shuttle over to the Senate or House office buildings. Parking will not be available at the ABATE state office.

The Executive Board would like to thank you in advance for your immediate help with these hearings!

Remember... *Members Make It Happen!*

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