

Comment from John Chico Bethea

Any experienced motorcyclist will state that the greatest danger to a modern motorcyclist are the other motor vehicle (cars, trucks, SUVs) drivers on their cell phones. I know from my near daily experiences that the result of many accidents and "close calls" are indeed caused by reactions of these distracted drivers when they finally do see the motorcycle, It is apparent that this statistic is often overlooked in the collection of data, etc. in the event of a motor vehicle/motorcycle accident. In order to provide a solution to any problem one must have all the facts relating to such problem. A more thorough means of accident investigation (cellular phone usage, etc.), would result in an alteration in the compilation of such data, therefore potentially providing a means to enact a recourse to this serious, serious, serious problem. The text book method of motor vehicle accident investigation should not apply specifically to an accident involving a motorcycle as the factors involved are often quite different. For example, the published document states that 52% of motorcycle accident victims in Florida and 51% of rider/victims in Pennsylvania in 2019 were non-helmeted. What was not stated were whether or not the victims succumbed as a result of head injury or other. Anyone with any intellect knows why these numbers are compiled in the manner in which they are. There should be an immediate institution of a way in removing special interest groups and lobbyist (cellular phone companies, insurance industries) from having their hand in the advancement of what could be a potentially life saving law and without respect to their industry and profit.