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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to clarify Rhode Island Division of Motor Vehicles' (RIDMV) motorcycle endorsement as listed on the Rhode Island Operator's License or Rhode Island Commercial Driver's License (CDL).

A motor vehicle operator who has passed the Motorcycle Driver Education Course and held a Rhode Island Motorcycle Permit for a minimum of 30 days is eligible to come to the RIDMV to have the motorcycle endorsement put on their license.

A Rhode Island Operator's License or Rhode Island Commercial Driver's License issued prior to March 7, 2016, listed the motorcycle endorsement as an (H) Restriction. A Rhode Island operator with an (H) restriction on their license is entitled to all the privileges and authority to operate a motorcycle and a motor-driven cycle under Rhode Island General Laws.

In order to comply with recent federal regulations issued by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, the RIDMV made changes to its current endorsements and restrictions on all learner permits, driver licenses, commercial learner permits, and commercial driver licenses. These changes will now utilize the AAMVA standards that are used in the majority of other states. The most notable changes are that chauffeur and motorcycle are now properly listed as endorsements instead of restrictions. This will clear up some of the confusion motorists encounter when they present a Rhode Island license to another jurisdiction. Any credential issued on or after March 7, 2016, date will utilize the new codes while credentials issued prior to that date will still show the old codes.

If further clarification is needed regarding this issue, please contact the RIDMV at (401) 462-4368.

Thank you,

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Administrator