

## State Senate change Californian smog test proposal

SENATE Bill 435 has been amended, dropping the emissions testing provision. The measure is now in the Assembly for consideration, where it could be further amended.

Had the bill gone through unchallenged all model year 2000 and newer on-road motorcycles with engine displacements of more than 280cc in California would need to have been tested every two years. This would have occurred due to them

being included in the State Department of Consumer Affairs 'smog check' program, which involves testing for unacceptable levels of pollutants in emissions.

"This is an initial victory for California motorcyclists, but we can't let our guard down just yet," said Nick Haris, AMA western states representative. "Senators deserve credit for recognizing how this proposal would have created an

added burden for motorcyclists, motorcycle businesses, and the cash-starved state bureaucracy, and they reworked the measure to limit its scope to focus on catalytic converters. The bill is on its way to the State Assembly, but we have to remain vigilant because it could revert back to its original form.

"California's motorcyclists are willing to do their fair share to keep our skies clear, but this bill asked

motorcyclists, whose two wheels are far less of a resource drain than four-wheelers, to shoulder an extra burden," said Haris. "The California Legislature has already raided \$90 million of user-generated fees from the state's OHV fund. Some legislators saw this as an opportunity to create yet another motorcyclist-funded program with no thought as to the burden it placed on the backs of motorcyclists."



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## Lehman Trikes President and CEO retires

DAN Patterson retired from his position as President of Lehman Trikes on August 1st and as Chief Executive Officer on September 30th. Patterson, who stated he plans to spend more time with his family as the reason for his retirement, joined the Board of Directors at Lehman Trikes in 2004, before taking on the roles of President and CEO in 2007.

Talking of his time with the company, Patterson said: "Several years ago I thought I was heading toward retirement. The officials at Lehman convinced me to come on board and help guide the company with their future plans for growth. It has been a wonderful experience and opportunity for me and I am grateful to have had the chance to accomplish many of the goals we set out to achieve."

Larry Strilchuk, one of Lehman's founders, reflecting on the changes Patterson had overseen during his time at Lehman

Trikes, said: "Dan has led our company through many important changes in the past five years. We've seen the complete transfer of our company's operations to the US from Canada, a strategic decision that has resulted in

double-digit growth for the last five years."

John Lehman, the original founder of Lehman Trikes, said: "Dan was able to forge relationships between Lehman Trikes and Harley-Davidson as their official supplier of the Tri-



Dan Patterson (standing) has retired from Lehman Trikes where he held the positions of President and CEO. He is pictured here with company founder John Lehman

Glide, a relationship that has led to the expansion of our company and staff. He was also fundamental in our relationship with Victory Motorcycles. He is extremely mission driven and his substantial business experience as well as his passion for motorcycling has been a key to the success of this company."

Simultaneously with Patterson's retirement, Lehman announced that Kennon (Ken) D. Hines, previously Executive Vice President, will take on the roles of President and CEO. Hines will focus on the company's strategic growth and financial plans in concurrence with Lehman's Board of Directors.



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