

A little historical perspective is in order.

In 1991 the California Highway Patrol for the first time, to our knowledge, declared a zero grace period for a new traffic safety law recently passed by the legislature:

The mandatory helmet law for motorcycle riders.

- **The first citation we know of was written at 12:03 AM January 1, 1992, three minutes after the law went into effect.**
- **Fines for helmet violations ran as high as 225 dollars.**
- **Helmet confiscation by law enforcement (LEO) officers was common.**
- **Being forced to park your bike and return with a helmet LEO liked was common.**
- **Setting up helmet check points at the beginning and end of runs was also common.**
- **Impounding motorcycles when the rider did not wear a helmet that the LEO liked also occurred.**

All these heavy handed tactics to insure compliance with an adhoc, arbitrary law conceived in bigotry and born of deceit.

That's why we sued the CHP. Not withstanding, we are Americans and that's what we do.