

From the Desk of LaNell Bell of Trigg Trikes

After reading the following FYI on www.disabledmotorcyclerider.com,

“If you are disabled, anything you purchase, or do, to maintain your motorcycle adaptations, may be taken off the current Schedule A Income Tax form provided that you have:

a medical prescription from your doctor, that is dated before your purchase. that states:

your full name,

product description or product name, and any maintained costs states that this is a MEDICAL NECESSITY for you.

Make a copy of the script, and keep on file. Send a copy to the IRS to verify that this is a durable medical goods. File the charges on Schedule A of your 1040 for the year of purchase. Repairs and upkeep can also be filed as needed. Generally, your insurance will not the cover the costs of anything you purchase. You CAN NOT take the price of the motorcycle off your Income Tax.”

I contacted several accountants to see if the information would apply to our kit. One of them suggested that I call the IRS for a definitive answer, which I did (800-829-1040)

I spoke with Mr. Young (Badge #0349324) at approximately 3:34 CST, February 24th, 2009. He referred me to the section on the CAR, found in Publication 502.

“CAR – You can include in medical expenses the cost of special hand controls and other special equipment installed in a car for the use of a person with a disability.

SPECIAL DESIGN – You can include in medical expenses the difference between the cost of a regular car and a car specially designed to hold a wheelchair.”

Under CAR, he said that you could substitute the word “on a motorcycle” for “in a car”.

Under SPECIAL DESIGN, he said that you could include the medical expenses “the difference between the cost of a regular motorcycle and one specially designed to “accommodate a disabled person” (instead of designed to hold a wheelchair).

He said that it would be deductible in the year you paid for it and that the person should save their receipt.

I dated, put the time of conversation, and Mr. Young’s badge # so that if any questions arose, it might be found on a recording at the IRS if one was completed.

I am also attaching an article take from:

<http://www.motorcycle-usa.com/2/2543/Motorcycle-Article/Motorcycles-in-Economic-Stimulus-Package.aspx>

Motorcycles in Economic Stimulus Package

Courtesy of AMA

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Language that provides a tax credit for the purchase of a motorcycle has been added to the current economic stimulus bill, the American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) reports. The AMA, working in conjunction with other stakeholders, worked diligently to secure the motorcycle provision within measure. President Obama is expected to sign the bill into law shortly.

Specifically, motorcycles are included as “qualified vehicles” in Section 1008 of the legislation. Those purchasing a new motorcycle will be able to deduct the sales and excise taxes on their 2009 tax returns. Prior to the actions taken by the AMA and others, the deductions only applied to the purchase of a new car or light truck.

And one from www.usridernews.com

MOTO-STIMULUS

If you need a tax reason to buy that new motorcycle, here it is. In March, President Obama signed into law Section 1008 of the Economic Stimulus Package. The new law guarantees that anyone who purchases a new motorcycle, light truck, new car or recreational vehicle. February 17, 2009 through January 1st, 2010 can deduct state and local sales taxes as well as any excise tax charged in the purchase.. In order to obtain the tax deduction, the bike must be less than 8,500 pounds in gross vehicle weight and cost less than \$49,500. To qualify for the full credit, the buyer must also make less than \$125,000 for joint filers. A partial credit is available for those earning over the threshold limits