



# **Ross Moore Law Notes DeKalb Motorcycle Crash Legal Issues**

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Two motorcycles collided on Interstate 85 North at Shallowford Road in DeKalb County on September 16, 2026, with one motorcycle catching fire and three riders transported to hospitals, according to reporting by Hoodline. One rider was taken to Grady Memorial Hospital's Marcus Trauma Center and two were transported to Northside Hospital Gwinnett, while DeKalb County authorities began investigating the cause of the collision. The incident has prompted Ross Moore Law, a personal injury firm that represents riders in the region, to outline the legal questions that motorcycle crash cases raise under recently enacted Georgia law.

According to data published by the Georgia Department of Driver Services, Metro Atlanta accounts for a substantial share of the state's motorcycle crashes, with DeKalb, Fulton, Gwinnett, Cobb, and Bibb counties reporting among the highest combined totals of motorcyclist fatalities and serious injuries. State crash records list DeKalb County among the highest-volume counties for total motor vehicle crashes, with corridors such as I-85, I-285, and I-20, along with Scott Boulevard, Ponce de Leon Avenue, and Memorial Drive, cited by the agency as frequent locations for intersection and lane-change collisions. Ross Moore Law notes that readers can consult the Department of Driver Services and DeKalb County crash records directly for county-specific figures.

Among the crash types documented on high-traffic corridors are those in which a motorcycle is positioned in the blind spot of a passenger vehicle or tractor-trailer. In merge-heavy sections of I-285, Memorial Drive, and the I-20 corridor, a driver who changes lanes without checking mirrors or signaling can cause a sideswipe. A Decatur Motorcycle Accident lawyer can retain accident reconstruction specialists to examine how such a collision developed.

Georgia Senate Bill 68, enacted in 2025, addresses the recovery of so-called phantom damages in personal injury claims. As described in the statute, the measure generally limits certain medical-expense evidence to amounts paid or reasonably necessary rather than amounts originally billed. The precise application depends on the facts of each case and on judicial interpretation. For riders who require trauma care or long-term rehabilitation, Ross Moore Law states that the change may affect how medical damages are calculated in a claim.

Georgia also applies a modified fault standard, under which a claimant found 50 percent or more at fault is barred from recovery. This standard applies in both injury and wrongful death matters. How fault is apportioned in a given case is determined through investigation and, where contested, by the court.

"Before Senate Bill 68, the billed cost of trauma care and rehabilitation often served as the starting point for the medical-damage calculation in serious motorcycle injury claims," said Ross Moore, Founding Attorney at Ross Moore Law. "The statute directs attention to amounts actually paid or accepted, which for insured patients can differ from billed charges. After a crash like the one on I-85 at Shallowford Road, dashcam footage, roadway camera records, and witness accounts should be identified early, before footage cycles and before authorities complete their preliminary findings."

The Ross Moore Decatur Motorcycle Accident lawyer team handles matters in DeKalb County State Court and Superior Court involving personal injury and wrongful death claims arising from collisions on I-85, I-285, and surrounding roadways.

Ross Moore Law is a BBB-accredited personal injury law firm founded in 2012 by Attorney Ross Moore II, a multiple-year Georgia Super Lawyers Rising Stars honoree. The firm represents motorcycle accident victims, car accident survivors, and other injury clients throughout Decatur, DeKalb County, Metro Atlanta, and Nashville, Tennessee.

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