

1 HB391  
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3 By Representative Gaston  
4 RFD: Public Safety and Homeland Security  
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8 SYNOPSIS: Existing law prohibits the operation of a  
9 motorcycle with handlebars more than 15 inches in  
10 height above the seat of the operator.

11 This bill would provide that a motorcycle  
12 may have handlebars or handgrips no higher than the  
13 top of the shoulders of the person operating the  
14 motorcycle while properly seated upon the  
15 motorcycle.

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17 A BILL  
18 TO BE ENTITLED  
19 AN ACT  
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21 To amend Section 32-5A-244 of the Code of Alabama  
22 1975, relating to the footrests and handlebars on motorcycles;  
23 to further provide for the height requirements of handlebars  
24 or handgrips on a motorcycle.

25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

26 Section 1. Section 32-5A-244 of the Code of Alabama  
27 1975, is amended to read as follows:

1                   "§32-5A-244.

2                   "(a) Any motorcycle carrying a passenger, other than  
3 in a sidecar or enclosed cab, shall be equipped with footrests  
4 for ~~such~~ the passenger.

5                   "(b) No person shall operate any motorcycle with  
6 handlebars ~~more than 15 inches in height above that portion of~~  
7 ~~the seat occupied by the operator~~ or with handgrips that are  
8 higher than the top of the shoulders of the person operating  
9 the motorcycle while properly seated upon the motorcycle."

10                   Section 2. This act shall become effective on the  
11 first day of the third month following its passage and  
12 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.