



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 148

LCO No. 1611



Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION

Introduced by:
(TRA)

AN ACT REQUIRING THE USE OF HELMETS BY MOTORCYCLE OPERATORS AND PASSENGERS UNDER TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 14-289g of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2020*):

3 (a) No person under [~~eighteen~~] twenty-one years of age may (1)
4 operate a motorcycle or a motor-driven cycle, as defined in section 14-1,
5 or (2) be a passenger on a motorcycle or motor-driven cycle, unless such
6 operator or passenger is wearing protective headgear of a type which
7 conforms to the minimum specifications established in 49 CFR 571.218,
8 as amended from time to time. Any person who violates this section
9 shall have committed an infraction and shall be fined not less than
10 ninety dollars.

11 (b) As used in this section, the term "motorcycle" [shall] does not
12 include "autocycle".

13 Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 14-40a of the general statutes is

14 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
15 *1, 2020*):

16 (b) A person who is sixteen years of age or older and who has not had
17 such a license suspended or revoked may apply to the commissioner for
18 a motorcycle instruction permit. The commissioner may issue a
19 motorcycle instruction permit, containing [such] any limitation as [said]
20 the commissioner deems advisable, to an applicant after the applicant
21 has passed all parts of the examination, other than the driving skills test,
22 for a motor vehicle operator's license with a motorcycle endorsement as
23 required by subsection (c) of this section. The motorcycle instruction
24 permit shall entitle the applicant, while [said] the applicant is in
25 immediate possession of [said] the permit, to drive a motorcycle on the
26 public highways, other than multiple lane limited access highways, for
27 a period of sixty days. A motorcycle instruction permit may be renewed,
28 or a new permit issued, for an additional period of sixty days. Each
29 applicant issued a motorcycle instruction permit shall, while operating
30 a motorcycle, wear protective headgear [of a type which conforms to the
31 minimum specifications established by regulations adopted under
32 subsection (b) of] as required by section 14-289g, as amended by this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2020</i>	14-289g
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2020</i>	14-40a(b)

Statement of Purpose:

To require the use of helmets by motorcycle operators and passengers under twenty-one years of age.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]