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99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To repeal section 302.020, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to the operation of motorcycles or motortricycles, with penalty provisions.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 302.020, RSMo, is repealed and two new sections
2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 302.020 and 302.026, to read as
3 follows:

302.020. 1. Unless otherwise provided for by law, it shall be unlawful for
2 any person, except those expressly exempted by section 302.080, to:

3 (1) Operate any vehicle upon any highway in this state unless the person
4 has a valid license;

5 (2) Operate a motorcycle or motortricycle upon any highway of this state
6 unless such person has a valid license that shows the person has successfully
7 passed an examination for the operation of a motorcycle or motortricycle as
8 prescribed by the director. The director may indicate such upon a valid license
9 issued to such person, or shall issue a license restricting the applicant to the
10 operation of a motorcycle or motortricycle if the actual demonstration, required
11 by section 302.173, is conducted on such vehicle;

12 (3) Authorize or knowingly permit a motorcycle or motortricycle owned by
13 such person or under such person's control to be driven upon any highway by any
14 person whose license does not indicate that the person has passed the
15 examination for the operation of a motorcycle or motortricycle or has been issued
16 an instruction permit therefor;

17 (4) Operate a motor vehicle with an instruction permit or license issued
18 to another person.

19 2. Every person **under eighteen years of age who is** operating or
20 riding as a passenger on any motorcycle or motortricycle, as defined in section
21 301.010, upon any highway of this state shall wear protective headgear at all
22 times the vehicle is in motion; **except that, any person eighteen years of**
23 **age or older operating any motorcycle or motortricycle who has been**
24 **issued an instruction permit shall wear protective headgear at all times**
25 **the vehicle is in motion.** The protective headgear shall meet reasonable
26 standards and specifications established by the director.

27 3. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 302.340 any person convicted
28 of violating subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection 1 of this section is guilty of a
29 misdemeanor. A first violation of subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection 1 of this
30 section shall be punishable as a class D misdemeanor. A second violation of
31 subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection 1 of this section shall be punishable as a class
32 A misdemeanor. Any person convicted a third or subsequent time of violating
33 subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection 1 of this section is guilty of a class E
34 felony. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 302.340, violation of
35 subdivisions (3) and (4) of subsection 1 of this section is a misdemeanor, the first
36 violation punishable as a class D misdemeanor, a second or subsequent violation
37 of this section punishable as a class C misdemeanor, and the penalty for failure
38 to wear protective headgear as required by subsection 2 of this section is an
39 infraction for which a fine not to exceed twenty-five dollars may be
40 imposed. Notwithstanding all other provisions of law and court rules to the
41 contrary, no court costs shall be imposed upon any person due to such violation.
42 No points shall be assessed pursuant to section 302.302 for a failure to wear such
43 protective headgear. Prior pleas of guilty and prior findings of guilty shall be
44 pleaded and proven in the same manner as required by section 558.021.

302.026. 1. Any qualified motorcycle operator who is eighteen
2 **years of age or older may operate a motorcycle or motortricycle upon**
3 **any highway of this state without wearing protective headgear if he or**
4 **she has medical payment insurance coverage. In addition to**
5 **maintaining proof of financial responsibility in accordance with**
6 **chapter 303, any such qualified motorcycle operator who desires to**
7 **operate a motorcycle or motortricycle upon any highway of this state**
8 **without wearing protective headgear shall be covered by a health**
9 **insurance policy or other form of insurance providing medical payment**
10 **benefits in the minimum amount of one million dollars for injuries**

11 incurred as a result of an accident while operating a motorcycle or
12 motortricycle.

13 2. Proof of coverage required by subsection 1 of this section shall
14 be provided, upon request by authorized law enforcement, by showing
15 a copy of the qualified operator's insurance card.

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