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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, JUNE 5, 2015

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A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to  
2 conduct a study of reported motorcycle accidents.

3 WHEREAS, The use of a helmet is a critical factor in the  
4 prevention and reduction of head injuries in motorcycle  
5 accidents; and

6 WHEREAS, Section 3525 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes was amended in 2003 to exempt certain  
8 motorcycle riders and passengers from the requirement to wear a  
9 helmet; and

10 WHEREAS, The amendment took effect September 4, 2003;  
11 therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives direct the  
13 Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a study of  
14 reported motorcycle accidents; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That riders of all ages, both under and over 21  
16 years of age, are involved in motorcycle accidents and should be  
17 included in the study; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee

1 report include, but not be limited to, the following:

2 (1) the number and trend of reported motorcycle  
3 accidents since September 4, 2003, for riders of all ages;

4 (2) the number, trend and age of individuals wearing  
5 helmets involved in reported motorcycle accidents since  
6 September 4, 2003;

7 (3) the increase, if any, in injuries and fatalities of  
8 riders of all ages specifically due to head trauma that may  
9 be attributed to individuals not wearing helmets;

10 (4) a comparison of the change in motorcycle-related  
11 traumatic brain injury hospitalizations or deaths to the  
12 change in other traumatic motorcycle injury hospitalizations  
13 or deaths that do not result from a head injury;

14 (5) a comparison of changes in the hospital charges for  
15 motorcycle-related head injury hospitalizations to changes in  
16 hospital charges for other motorcycle-related injury  
17 hospitalizations that do not result from a head injury before  
18 and after the helmet law repeal for riders;

19 (6) the number of uninsured motorcycle riders involved  
20 in accidents since September 4, 2003;

21 (7) a change in the percentage of motorcycle riders  
22 wearing helmets before and after the repeal of the universal  
23 helmet law; and

24 (8) an analysis of policies nationwide that have  
25 increased the usage of motorcycle helmets and/or decreased  
26 the number of head injuries resulting from motorcycle  
27 accidents over the past decade;

28 and be it further

29 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee  
30 report its findings to the Transportation Committee of the House

1 of Representatives within one year of the adoption of this  
2 resolution and update this report every three years after its  
3 initial report for a period of nine years.