

HB 576 -- MOTORCYCLE HELMETS

SPONSOR: McCaherty

Currently, an individual operating or riding as a passenger on any motorcycle or motortricycle upon any state highway must wear protective headgear when the vehicle is in motion. This bill modifies the requirement to individuals under 21 years of age.

Qualified motorcycle operators over 21 years of age, who have completed a motorcycle safety education course or who have possessed a motorcycle license for at least two years, may operate a motorcycle or motortricycle upon state highways without protective headgear if they possess insurance that provides first-party medical benefits in the amount of \$100,000 for injuries incurred in an accident while operating a motorcycle or motortricycle. Proof of insurance shall be provided upon request. The bill specifies that a person 21 years of age or older may not be pulled over by a law enforcement officer solely to determine compliance with the helmet requirements of the bill.

This bill is similar to SCS HB 1464 (2016).