

HCS HB 576 -- OPERATION OF MOTORCYCLES AND MOTORTRICYCLES
(McCaherty)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Standing Committee on General Laws

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 are covered by a health insurance policy. Proof of insurance shall be provided to law enforcement 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 also amends the definition of an autocyce.

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