



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WITNESS APPEARANCE FORM

BILL NUMBER: HB 2553		DATE: 3/3/2026	
COMMITTEE: Transportation			
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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:			
WITNESS NAME: ARNIE C. A.C. "HONEST ABE" DIENOFF		PHONE NUMBER: 314-440-9000	
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EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE:	SUBMIT DATE: 3/3/2026 12:00 AM	
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WITNESS NAME: JACOB SCOTT		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: SARAH BERRY		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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HB 2553 authorizes law enforcement to stop, inspect, or detain a person solely to determine compliance with child-passenger motorcycle requirements.

That authority is constitutionally consequential.

A stop based only on an officer’s visual estimation that a passenger may be under ten years of age — absent an independent traffic violation or articulable criminal suspicion — creates foreseeable Fourth Amendment exposure. Age estimation is inherently subjective. Subjective enforcement increases the risk of inconsistent application and suppression challenges.

Additionally, the bill preempts local helmet regulation while simultaneously expanding state stop authority, creating enforcement imbalance that may complicate equal-application and preemption litigation.

The State’s interest in child safety is compelling. However, statutory authorization of suspicion-based detention must be narrowly tailored and supported by objective enforcement standards.

As drafted, section 302.023(4) presents predictable constitutional vulnerability.

Legislative Notice:

The General Assembly is therefore on notice that the stop-and-detain provision carries foreseeable search-and-seizure challenge risk if enacted without clearer limiting language.



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WITNESS NAME: TONY SHEPHERD		PHONE NUMBER: 636-240-5009	
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Enforcement nightmare to start with. What child carries ID with them to verify age? Not to mention we have some riders and passengers that are of small stature.

Is this going to turn into a Reason to Suspect stop where now it gives the Officer permission to ck papers?

Issue a summons that will now take up court and personal time to clear up?

Knee jerk reaction to a sad stupid decision made by a DUI operator.

How many people die from DUI operation in vehicles? Are we next going to ban children from riding in cars?



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WITNESS NAME: JOE WIDMER		PHONE NUMBER: 816-536-7512	
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WITNESS NAME: PRECIUS JONES		PHONE NUMBER:
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I really really like this bill, I would like to have one ask is there a way the age limit can be changed to atleast 13 and under or even 15 years and under? I mean this is a really good bill and protectes our youth I would like to see Calvins bill protect as many age brackets as possbile.