

HOUSE No. 1862

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Marc T. Lombardo

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to motorcycle helmet choice.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Marc T. Lombardo

22nd Middlesex

Shaunna L. O'Connell

3rd Bristol

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By Mr. Lombardo of Billerica, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1862) of Marc T. Lombardo and Shaunna L. O'Connell for legislation to repeal the requirement for operators and passengers on motorcycles over the age of eighteen to wear protective headgear. Transportation.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3034 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act relative to motorcycle helmet choice.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1: Section 7 of Chapter 90, as appearing in the 1998 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended by striking out in its entirety the following, “Every person operating a motorcycle or
3 riding as a passenger on a motorcycle or in a sidecar attached to a motorcycle shall wear
4 protective head gear conforming with such minimum standards of construction and performance
5 as the registrar may prescribe, and no person operating a motorcycle shall permit any other
6 person to ride as a passenger on such motorcycle or in a sidecar attached to such motorcycle
7 unless such passenger is wearing such protective head gear, except that no protective head gear
8 shall be required if the motorcyclist is participating in a properly permitted public parade and is
9 18 years of age or older.”

10 SECTION 2: Section 7 of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
11 amended by adding at the end of said section the following new paragraph:

12 “Every person operating a motorcycle or riding as a passenger on a motorcycle or in a
13 sidecar attached to a motorcycle who is under the age of eighteen years of age must wear
14 protective headgear conforming with such minimum standards and construction as the Registrar
15 may prescribe, and no person operating a motorcycle shall permit any other person under the age
16 of eighteen years of age to ride as a passenger on such motorcycle unless said passenger is
17 wearing protective headgear.