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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2020

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SPECIAL LICENSE FOR
MOTORCYCLES, MOTOR SCOOTERS, AND OTHER MOTOR DRIVEN CYCLES --
HELMETS

Introduced By: Senators Valverde, Sosnowski, Coyne, Seveney, and Goldin

Date Introduced: February 27, 2020

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 31-10.1-4 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-10.1 entitled "Special
2 License for Motorcycles, Motor Scooters, and Other Motor Driven Cycles" is hereby amended to
3 read as follows:

4 **31-10.1-4. Required equipment.**

5 Operators of motorcycles, motor scooters, and motor-driven cycles shall use eye protection
6 of a type approved by the administrator of the division of motor vehicles when operating their
7 vehicles on streets and highways. Every motorcycle, motor scooter, and motor-driven cycle shall
8 be equipped with a rear view mirror. ~~Any Every operator under the age of twenty one (21) shall~~
9 ~~wear a helmet of a type approved by the administrator of motor vehicles. In addition, all new~~
10 ~~operators, regardless of age, shall be required, for a period of one year from the date of issuance of~~
11 ~~the first license pursuant to § 31-10.1-1,~~ to wear a helmet of a type approved by ~~said the~~
12 administrator of the division of motor vehicles. Any person deemed in violation of this provision
13 shall be subject to the fines enumerated in § 31-41.1-4, which shall be paid in accordance with the
14 provisions of chapter 41.1 of this title. The administrator of the division of motor vehicles is
15 authorized to set forth rules and regulations governing the use of other equipment on those vehicles.
16 All fines collected under this section shall be deposited in a general restricted receipt account for
17 the use of the Rhode Island governor's office on highway safety in order to promote educational
18 and informational programs encouraging helmet use.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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- 1 This act would require all motorcycle operators to wear a helmet of a type approved by the
- 2 administrator of the division of motor vehicles.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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