

# SENATE . . . . . No. 1726

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Stephen M. Brewer***

*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 standards for protective headgear for operators or passengers on motorcycles..

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Stephen M. Brewer</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>
<i>David M. Torrisi</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>
<i>George N. Peterson, Jr.</i>	<i>9th Worcester</i>
<i>Marc T. Lombardo</i>	<i>22nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>
<i>Joyce A. Spiliotis</i>	<i>12th Essex</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>
<i>Shaunna O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>
<i>Michael R. Knapik</i>	
<i>George T. Ross</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>
<i>Christine E. Canavan</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>

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By Mr. Brewer, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1726) of Stephen M. Brewer, David M. Torrissi, George N. Peterson, Jr., Marc T. Lombardo and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to standards for protective headgear for operators or passengers on motorcycles. Transportation.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 2017 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven  
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An Act relative to standards for protective headgear for operators or passengers on motorcycles..

*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  
2 hereby amended by striking out the entire sentence beginning with the word "Every" in line 141  
3 and ending with the words "wear gear" in line 147.

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

6           Every person operating a motorcycle or riding as a passenger on a motorcycle or in a  
7 sidecar attached to a motorcycle who is under the age of twenty-one years of age must wear  
8 protective headgear conforming with such minimum standards and construction as the Registrar  
9 may prescribe, and no person operating a motorcycle shall permit any other person under the age

- 10 of twenty-one years of age to ride as a passenger on such motorcycle unless said passenger is
- 11 wearing protective headgear.