

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Brian A. Joyce, (BY REQUEST)

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 adult motorcycle helmet choice.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Patrick VanTyle

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

343 Mansfield St. Sharon, MA 02067

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By Mr. Joyce (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Patrick VanTyle for legislation relative to adult motorcycle helmet choice. Transportation.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act relative to adult 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: “Every person
12 operating a motorcycle or riding as a passenger on a motorcycle or in a sidecar attached to a
13 motorcycle who is under the age of eighteen years of age must wear protective headgear

14 conforming with such minimum standards and construction as the Registrar may prescribe, and
15 no person operating a motorcycle shall permit any other person under the age of eighteen years
16 of age to ride as a passenger on such motorcycle unless said passenger is wearing protective
17 headgear.