

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1831**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Anne M. Gobi*

*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>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>
<i>David T. Vieira</i>	<i>3rd Barnstable</i>
<i>Bradford R. Hill</i>	<i>4th Essex</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>
<i>Geoff Diehl</i>	<i>7th Plymouth</i>
<i>Marc T. Lombardo</i>	<i>22nd Middlesex</i>
<i>James R. Miceli</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>
<i>Shaunna L. O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>

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By Ms. Gobi, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1831) of Anne M. Gobi, David T. Vieira, Bradford R. Hill, Paul McMurtry and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to standards for protective headgear for operators or passengers on motorcycles. Transportation.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3065 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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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 2012 Official Edition, is hereby  
2 amended by striking out the entire sentence beginning with the word “Every” in line 141 and  
3 ending with the words “head gear” in line 147 and replacing it with the following sentence:

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