

SENATE No. 2380

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael D. Brady

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 helmets.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | |
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| <i>Michael D. Brady</i> | <i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i> | |
| <i>Michelle M. DuBois</i> | <i>10th Plymouth</i> | <i>2/1/2019</i> |

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By Mr. Brady, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2380) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michael D. Brady and Michelle M. DuBois for legislation relative to motorcycle helmets. Transportation.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act relative to motorcycle helmets.

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" and inserting in place thereof the following new text:-

10 "Every person operating a motorcycle or riding as a passenger on a motorcycle or in a
11 sidecar attached to a motorcycle who is under the age of eighteen years of age must wear
12 protective headgear conforming with such minimum standards and construction as the Registrar

13 may prescribe, and no person operating a motorcycle shall permit any other person under the age
14 of eighteen years of age to ride as a passenger on such motorcycle or in a sidecar attached to
15 such motorcycle unless said passenger is wearing protective headgear".