

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**  
**House of Representatives**

*Bill Summary*

**Bill Number:** H.3697

**Bill Name:** An Act requiring the use of helmets for electronically propelled wheeled vehicle operators and passengers

**Sponsor(s):** Rep. Steven Howitt

**Hearing Date:** June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025 (**Reporting Date:** August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025)

**Bill History:** (2023-2024) HD.5363; Lately filed legislation.

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**Current Law:** Creates new §11D½ in MGL Chapter 85.

**Summary of  
Proposed Law:**

§1 Requires the operator of an electric scooter, e-bike, skateboard, or other electronically propelled wheeled vehicle on public ways, including shared use paths, to wear a helmet.

Stipulates that violations shall not be treated as evidence of contributory negligence in a civil action.

States that people operating motorized wheelchairs are not subject to a requirement to wear a helmet.

Prohibits municipalities from adopting bylaws or ordinances contrary to this requirement.