

# Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security

## Bill Summary

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<b><u>BILL NUMBER</u></b>	House, No. 2740
<b><u>TITLE</u></b>	An Act establishing safety standards for BMX bicycle and motorcross tracks
<b><u>SPONSORS</u></b>	Representatives Xiarhos of Barnstable, McMurtry of Dedham, Kearney of Scituate, and Scarsdale of Pepperell; Senators O'Connor and Fernandes
<b><u>HEARING DATE:</u></b>	THURSDAY, JULY 24TH at 1:00 PM in A2

### **SUMMARY**

This bill proposes to establish “Colbys Law” establishing comprehensive safety regulations for BMX and motocross tracks in Massachusetts. The law requires all tracks to be registered and obtain annual permits from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, following safety inspections. Operators must meet design, maintenance, and emergency response standards, including on-site medical readiness and clearly posted safety information. Riders are required to wear protective gear, and safety briefings must be provided to new participants. Additional protections are mandated for youth riders, such as parental consent and restricted access to advanced areas. Tracks must also carry liability insurance, and violations may result in fines or permit suspension. The act further directs the state to launch a public awareness campaign on track safety.