

By Mr. Tisei, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 978) of Richard R. Tisei and William F. Cass for legislation relative to helmet use for adult motorcycle operators. Public Safety.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-One.

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO HELMET USE FOR ADULT MOTORCYCLE OPERATORS.

*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 of the General Laws, as  
2 appearing in the 1986 Official Edition, is hereby amended in lines  
3 140 through 147 by striking out all beginning with the word  
4 “every” and ending with the word “gear”.

1 SECTION 2. Section 7 of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, as  
2 appearing in the 1986 Official Edition, is hereby amended by  
3 adding at the end of said section the following paragraph: —

4 Every person operating a motorcycle under a learner’s permit,  
5 and any person operating a motorcycle or in a sidecar attached  
6 to a motorcycle who is under twenty-one years of age must wear  
7 protective headgear conforming with such minimum standards of  
8 construction and performance as the registrar may prescribe, and  
9 no person operating a motorcycle shall permit any other person  
10 under twenty-one years of age to ride as a passenger on such  
11 motorcycle or in a sidecar attached to such motorcycle unless such  
12 passenger is wearing such protective headgear. Every person  
13 operating a motorcycle or riding as a passenger on a motorcycle  
14 or in a sidecar attached to a motorcycle shall carry such protective  
15 headgear on such motorcycle.

