

By Mr. Keating (by request), petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1036) of Patrick S. VanTyle and Louis L. Kafka for legislation relative to the modification of the helmet law and the motorcycle safety fund. Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE MODIFICATION OF THE HELMET LAW AND THE MOTORCYCLE SAFETY FUND.

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 so appearing, is hereby amended by adding at the end of said
3 section the following new paragraph: —

4 Every person operating a motorcycle or riding on a motorcycle
5 as a passenger or in a sidecar attached to a motorcycle who is
6 under twenty-one years of age must wear protective headgear
7 conforming with such minimum standards and construction as
8 prescribed by the Snell Memorial Foundation 1985 Standard for
9 Protective Headgear, and no person operating a motorcycle shall
10 permit any other person under twenty-one years of age to ride
11 as a passenger on such motorcycle or in a sidecar attached to a
12 motorcycle unless such person is wearing protective headgear.
13 Every person operating a motorcycle or riding as a passenger on
14 a motorcycle or in a sidecar attached to a motorcycle shall carry
15 such protective headgear on such motorcycle.

1 SECTION 3. Section 34 of Chapter 90 of the General laws, as
2 so appearing, is amended by striking out all beginning with the

3 word “two” and ending with the word “fund” and inserting in place
4 thereof the following words: — five dollars from each motorcycle
5 registration fee shall be paid by the registrar or by the person
6 collecting the same into the treasury of the Commonwealth and
7 shall be credited on the books of the Commonwealth to the
8 Motorcycle Safety Fund.

1 SECTION 4. Section 35G of Chapter 10 of the General laws,
2 as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding at the end of said
3 section the following new paragraph: —

4 One hundred thousand dollars shall be appropriated from
5 present funds existing in said Motorcycle Safety Fund by the
6 Senate and the House of Representatives in General Court
7 assembled, and by the authority of same, to be placed in the
8 custody of the director of the highway safety bureau in
9 consultation with the secretary of the executive office of public
10 safety during Fiscal Year 1994 only and said appropriation shall
11 be expended during Fiscal Year 1994 only for the purpose of
12 purchasing training motorcycles to be used at approved rider
13 training schools pursuant to Section 15 of Chapter 22 of the
14 General Laws so appearing.