

By Mr. Morrissey, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1933) of Michael W. Morrissey, Stephen M. Brewer and Denis E. Guyer for legislation relative to the modification of the helmet law. Transportation.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.  
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AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE MODIFICATION OF THE HELMET LAW.

*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  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the entire  
3 sentence beginning with the word "Every" in line 141 and ending  
4 with the words " head gear" in line 147.

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 as a passenger  
5 on a motorcycle or in a sidecar attached to a motorcycle who is  
6 under the age of twenty-one years of age must wear protective  
7 headgear conforming with such minimum standards and construc-  
8 tion as the Registrar may prescribe, and no person operating a  
9 motorcycle shall permit any other person under the age of twenty-  
10 one years of age to ride as a passenger on such motorcycle unless  
11 said passenger is wearing protective headgear unless said operator  
12 has completed a motorcycle rider education course approved by  
13 the registrar and is not under the age of eighteen years of age.

