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**Committee Bill No. 6161**

LCO No. 5943



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Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION

Introduced by:  
(TRA)

**AN ACT REQUIRING THE USE OF HELMETS BY MOTORCYCLE OPERATORS AND PASSENGERS UNDER TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 14-289g of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2019*):

3 (a) No person under [~~eighteen~~] twenty-one years of age may (1)  
4 operate a motorcycle or a motor-driven cycle, as defined in section 14-  
5 1, or (2) be a passenger on a motorcycle or motor-driven cycle, unless  
6 such operator or passenger is wearing protective headgear of a type  
7 which conforms to the minimum specifications established in 49 CFR  
8 571.218, as amended from time to time. Any person who violates this  
9 section shall have committed an infraction and shall be fined not less  
10 than ninety dollars.

11 (b) As used in this section, the term "motorcycle" [~~shall~~] does not  
12 include "autocycle".

13 Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 14-40a of the general statutes is  
14 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*

15 October 1, 2019):

16 (b) A person who is sixteen years of age or older and who has not  
 17 had such a license suspended or revoked may apply to the  
 18 commissioner for a motorcycle instruction permit. The commissioner  
 19 may issue a motorcycle instruction permit, containing [such] any  
 20 limitation as [said] the commissioner deems advisable, to an applicant  
 21 after the applicant has passed all parts of the examination, other than  
 22 the driving skills test, for a motor vehicle operator's license with a  
 23 motorcycle endorsement as required by subsection (c) of this section.  
 24 The motorcycle instruction permit shall entitle the applicant, while  
 25 [said] the applicant is in immediate possession of [said] the permit, to  
 26 drive a motorcycle on the public highways, other than multiple lane,  
 27 limited access highways, for a period of sixty days. A motorcycle  
 28 instruction permit may be renewed, or a new permit issued, for an  
 29 additional period of sixty days. Each applicant issued a motorcycle  
 30 instruction permit shall, while operating a motorcycle, wear protective  
 31 headgear [of a type which conforms to the minimum specifications  
 32 established by regulations adopted under subsection (b) of] as required  
 33 by section 14-289g, as amended by this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2019	14-289g
Sec. 2	October 1, 2019	14-40a(b)

**Statement of Purpose:**

To require the use of helmets by motorcycle operators and passengers under twenty-one years of age.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

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