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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - SPECIAL LICENSE FOR
MOTORCYCLES, MOTOR SCOOTERS, AND OTHER MOTOR DRIVEN CYCLES

Introduced By: Representative Gregg Amore

Date Introduced: April 23, 2013

Referred To: House Judiciary

(by request)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 31-10.1-4 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-10.1 entitled "Special
2 License for Motorcycles, Motor Scooters, and Other Motor Driven Cycles" is hereby amended to
3 read as follows:

4 **31-10.1-4. Required equipment.** -- Operators of motorcycles, motor scooters, and
5 motor-driven cycles shall use eye protection of a type approved by the administrator of the
6 division of motor vehicles when operating their vehicles on streets and highways. Every
7 motorcycle, motor scooter, and motor-driven cycle shall be equipped with a rear view mirror.
8 Any operator or passenger ~~under the age of twenty one (21)~~ shall wear a helmet of a type
9 approved by the administrator of motor vehicles. ~~In addition, all new operators, regardless of age,~~
10 ~~shall be required, for a period of one year from the date of issuance of the first license pursuant to~~
11 ~~section 31-10.1-1, to wear a helmet of a type approved by said administrator.~~ Any person deemed
12 in violation of this provision shall be subject to the fines enumerated in section 31-41.1-4, which
13 shall be paid in accordance with the provisions of chapter 41.1 of this title. The administrator of
14 the division of motor vehicles is authorized to set forth rules and regulations governing the use of
15 other equipment on those vehicles. All fines collected under this section shall be deposited in a
16 general restricted receipt account for the use of the Rhode Island governor's office on highway
17 safety in order to promote educational and informational programs encouraging helmet use.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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- 1 This act would require passengers of motorcycles or motor scooters to wear helmets
- 2 approved by the department of motor vehicles.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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