

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY GUZMAN, SANCHEZ, HILL-EVANS, BOROWSKI, CEPEDA-FREYTIZ, VENKAT, OTTEN, SAMUELSON, K.HARRIS AND DOUGHERTY,
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, AUGUST 19, 2025

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in special vehicles and pedestrians, further
3 providing for protective equipment for motorcycle riders; and
4 imposing penalties.

5 The General Assembly finds and declares as follows:

6 (1) Motorcycle crashes continue to result in preventable
7 fatalities and traumatic brain injuries.

8 (2) States with universal helmet laws report
9 significantly lower rates of motorcycle-related deaths and
10 public health costs.

11 (3) A consistent, Statewide helmet mandate will simplify
12 enforcement and better protect all road users.

13 (4) Aligning Pennsylvania law with national best
14 practices will improve public health outcomes and reduce the
15 financial burden on the health care system and taxpayers.

16 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
17 hereby enacts as follows:

18 Section 1. Section 3525 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania

1 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

2 § 3525. Protective equipment for motorcycle riders.

3 (a) Protective headgear.--[Except as provided in subsection
4 (d), no person shall operate or ride upon a motorcycle or a
5 motor-driven cycle (other than a motorized pedalcycle) unless he
6 is wearing] Each person operating or riding as a passenger on a
7 motorcycle or motor-driven cycle shall wear protective headgear
8 which complies with standards established by the department.

9 [(b) Eye-protective devices.--No person shall operate or
10 ride upon a motorcycle (other than a motorized pedalcycle or a
11 three-wheeled motorcycle equipped with an enclosed cab) unless
12 he is wearing an eye-protective device of a type approved by the
13 department.]

14 (c) Approval of equipment.--The department may approve or
15 disapprove protective headgear and eye-protective devices
16 required under this section and may issue and enforce
17 regulations establishing standards and specifications for the
18 approval of the headgear and devices. The department shall
19 publish lists of all protective headgear and eye-protective
20 devices by name and type which have been approved.

21 (d) Exception.--The provisions of subsection (a) shall not
22 apply to the following:

23 (1) The operator or any occupant of a three-wheeled
24 motorcycle equipped with an enclosed cab.

25 (2) A person 21 years of age or older who has been
26 licensed to operate a motorcycle for not less than two full
27 calendar years.

28 (3) A person 21 years of age or older who has completed
29 a motorcycle rider safety course approved by the department
30 or the Motorcycle Safety Foundation.

1 (4) The passenger of a person exempt under this
2 subsection if the passenger is 21 years of age or older.]

3 (e) Penalties.--A person who violates this section:

4 (1) Shall pay a fine of \$100 for a first offense.

5 (2) Shall pay a fine of \$200 for a second or subsequent
6 violation.

7 (3) Shall not receive any penalty points for a violation
8 of this section.

9 (f) Applicability.--This section shall apply to each
10 motorcycle or motor-driven cycle, including three-wheeled
11 motorcycles, unless fully enclosed, regardless of operator age,
12 experience or licensing.

13 Section 2. All acts and parts of acts are repealed insofar
14 as they are inconsistent with the amendment of 75 Pa.C.S. §
15 3525.

16 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.