

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY WAGNER, HELFRICK, STOUT, COSTA, KITCHEN AND  
SCHWARTZ, JUNE 11, 1997

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, further regulating bicycling helmets.

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
4 hereby enacts as follows:

5 Section 1. Sections 3510(a), (b.3) and (d) of Title 75 of  
6 the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

7 § 3510. Pedalcycle helmets for certain persons.

8 (a) General rule.--A person under [12] 17 years of age shall  
9 not operate a pedalcycle or ride as a passenger on a pedalcycle  
10 unless the person is wearing a pedalcycle helmet meeting the  
11 standards of the American National Standards Institute, the  
12 American Society for Testing and Materials, the Snell Memorial  
13 Foundation's Standards for Protective Headgear for Use in  
14 Bicycling or any other nationally recognized standard for  
15 pedalcycle helmet approval. This subsection shall also apply to  
16 a person who rides:

17 (1) upon a pedalcycle while in a restraining seat

1 attached to a pedalcycle; or

2 (2) in a trailer towed by a pedalcycle.

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4 (b.3) Exemption.--This section shall not apply to a child  
5 under [12] 17 years of age who can produce a statement from the  
6 family's church authorities attesting that it is against the  
7 tenets of the family's religion to wear a helmet.

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9 (d) Penalty.--Notwithstanding any other provisions of law,  
10 any violation of subsection (a) is punishable by a fine,  
11 including all penalties, assessments and court costs imposed on  
12 the convicted person not to exceed \$25. The parent or legal  
13 guardian having control or custody of a person under [12] 17  
14 years of age whose conduct violates this section shall be  
15 jointly and severally liable with the person for the amount of  
16 the fine imposed.

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18 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.