

A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to
2 conduct a study of reported motorcycle accidents.

3 WHEREAS, The use of a helmet is a critical factor in the
4 prevention and reduction of head injuries in motorcycle
5 accidents; and

6 WHEREAS, Section 3525 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes was amended in 2003 to exempt certain
8 motorcycle riders and passengers from the requirement to wear a
9 helmet; and

10 WHEREAS, The amendment took effect September 4, 2003;
11 therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives direct the
13 Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a study of
14 reported motorcycle accidents; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That riders of all ages, both under and over 21
16 years of age, are involved in motorcycle accidents and should be
17 included in the study; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee
2 report include, but not be limited to, the following:

3 (1) the number and trend of reported motorcycle
4 accidents since September 4, 2003, for riders of all ages;

5 (2) the number, trend and age of individuals wearing
6 helmets involved in reported motorcycle accidents since
7 September 4, 2003;

8 (3) the increase, if any, in injuries and fatalities of
9 riders of all ages specifically due to head trauma that may
10 be attributed to individuals not wearing helmets;

11 (4) a comparison of the change in motorcycle-related
12 traumatic brain injury hospitalizations or deaths to the
13 change in other traumatic motorcycle injury hospitalizations
14 or deaths that do not result from a head injury;

15 (5) a comparison of changes in the hospital charges for
16 motorcycle-related head injury hospitalizations to changes in
17 hospital charges for other motorcycle-related injury
18 hospitalizations that do not result from a head injury before
19 and after the helmet law repeal for riders;

20 (6) the number of uninsured motorcycle riders involved
21 in accidents since September 4, 2003;

22 (7) a change in the percentage of motorcycle riders
23 wearing helmets before and after the repeal of the universal
24 helmet law; and

25 (8) an analysis of policies nationwide that have
26 increased the usage of motorcycle helmets and/or decreased
27 the number of head injuries resulting from motorcycle
28 accidents over the past decade;

29 and be it further

30 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee

1 report its findings to the Transportation Committee of the House
2 of Representatives within one year of the adoption of this
3 resolution and update this report every three years after its
4 initial report for a period of nine years.

