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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO USE OF SAFETY HELMETS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that helmet use while
2 driving a moped significantly reduces the likelihood of serious
3 or fatal injuries. Drivers of mopeds are particularly
4 vulnerable to head injuries in accidents. Head injuries
5 commonly result in permanent injury or death or in profound and
6 disabling physical and mental effects which can be costly. This
7 measure is intended to protect the health and safety of a
8 population susceptible to avoidable crippling injuries and a
9 lifetime of regret, if they survive. Act 63, Session Laws of
10 Hawaii 2006, required drivers of mopeds who are less than
11 eighteen years of age to wear a safety helmet while driving.
12 The legislature finds that persons of all ages should be
13 required to wear a safety helmet when operating a moped.

14 The purpose of this Act is to require all moped drivers to
15 wear safety helmets while operating a moped.

16 SECTION 2. Section 291C-195, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
17 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:



1 "(a) No person less than fifteen years of age shall drive
2 a moped on a highway, street, roadway, or any other public
3 property in the State. No person [~~less than eighteen years of~~
4 ~~age~~] shall drive a moped unless the person wears a safety helmet
5 securely fastened with a chin strap. The safety helmet shall
6 meet the specifications and requirements established by rules
7 adopted by the director."

8 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
9 and stricken.

10 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Mopeds; Helmets

Description:

Requires helmet use by all moped drivers.

