

ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2017
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB368

Hearing Date: Monday February 06, 2017
Committee On: Transportation and Telecommunications
Introducer: Lowe
One Liner: Change helmet provisions, change passenger age limits, and require eye protection for operators of motorcycles and mopeds

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye:	6	Senators Friesen, Geist, Hilgers, Hughes, Murante, Smith
Nay:	2	Senators Bostelman, Briese
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:		

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator John Lowe
Senator Bob Krist
Dave Bloomfield
James Lorence
Brad Christian
Randall Geer
Greg Koellner
Gary Neeman
Todd Miller

Representing:

District 37
Self
Self
Self
ABATE of Nebraska
Self
Self
ABATE of Nebraska
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Opponents:

Gary Hausmann
Patrick Lange
Dr. Lori Terryberry-Spohr
Nick Bruggeman, MD
Jerry Stilmock

Representing:

Madonna Hospital Board of Directors
Self
Madonna Hospital Board of Directors
Nebraska Medical Association
Nebraska State Volunteer Firefighters Association and
Nebraska Fire Chiefs Association
AAA and The Auto Club Group
Nebraska Insurance Information Service
Self
Self
Nebraska Hospital Association
Nebraska Safety Council

Rose White
Coleen Nielsen
Dale Johnson
David Halen
Andy Hale
Laurie Klosterboer

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

The bill amends section 60-6,279; mandatory motorcycle helmet usage.

The section is amended as follows:

No motorcycle or moped shall be operated on the highways of Nebraska unless the operator is wearing eye protection (eye protection is defined as glasses that cover the eyes, a protective face shield attached to a helmet, goggles, or a windshield);

No person under 6 years of age shall be a passenger upon a moped or motorcycle;
and

Any person 21 years of age or older is exempt from the requirements of the section that directs an approved, compliant motorcycle helmet shall be worn on any person operating or riding as a passenger on a motorcycle or moped on the highways of Nebraska.

Curt Friesen, Chairperson