

1 H.471

2 Introduced by Representative Ancel of Calais

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Motor vehicle; motorcycle; child passenger; age restriction

6 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to prohibit a motorcycle operator
7 from carrying a passenger under age eight on a motorcycle.

8 An act relating to child motorcycle passengers

9 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

10 Sec. 1. 23 V.S.A. § 1114(a) is amended to read:

11 (a)(1) A person operating a motorcycle or motor-driven cycle shall ride
12 only upon the permanent and regular seat attached thereto, and such operator
13 shall not carry any other person nor shall any other person ride on a motorcycle
14 or motor-driven cycle unless such motorcycle or motor-driven cycle is
15 designed to carry more than one person, in which event a passenger may ride
16 upon the permanent and regular seat if designed for two persons, or upon
17 another seat firmly attached to the motorcycle or motor-driven cycle at the rear
18 or side of the operator.

19 (2) No person operating a motorcycle or motor-driven cycle shall permit
20 any person under eight years of age to ride as a passenger. A person who

1 violates this subdivision (2) shall be subject to a fine of \$25.00 for a first
2 violation, \$50.00 for a second violation, or \$100.00 for a third or subsequent
3 violation.

4 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

5 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2012.