

1 H.798

2 Introduced by Representative Partridge of Windham

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Motor vehicles; motorcycles; helmets

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to amend
7 Vermont's motorcycle helmet law so that only operators and passengers less
8 than 18 years of age are required to wear helmets, and to prohibit a motorcycle
9 operator from allowing a passenger less than 18 years of age to ride on a
10 motorcycle unless the passenger wears a helmet.

11 An act relating to motorcycle helmets

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

13 Sec. 1. 23 V.S.A. § 1256 is amended to read:

14 § 1256. MOTORCYCLES—HEADGEAR

15 (a) A person less than 18 years of age may not operate or ride upon a
16 motorcycle upon a highway unless he or she properly wears protective
17 headgear of a type that conforms to the federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards
18 contained in 49 C.F.R. § 571.218 ~~and any amendment or addition to the~~
19 ~~regulations that may be adopted by the U.S. Secretary of Transportation, as~~
20 may be amended.

1 (b) A motorcycle operator shall not permit a passenger less than 18 years of
2 age to ride on his or her motorcycle on a highway unless the passenger wears
3 headgear in accordance with subsection (a) of this section.

4 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

5 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.