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S.203

Introduced by Senators Benning, Collamore, Rodgers, Starr and White

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Motor vehicles; motorcycles; helmets; headgear

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to amend the motorcycle helmet law to only apply to motorcycle operators and riders under 21 years of age and creates an exemption from the motorcycle helmet requirement for those operators and riders who are participating in a parade.

An act relating to motorcycle helmets

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

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

§ 1256. ~~MOTORCYCLES HEADGEAR~~ MOTORCYCLE HELMETS

~~A person may~~ An individual under 21 years of age shall not operate or ride upon a motorcycle ~~upon~~ on a highway unless he or she properly wears ~~protective headgear~~ a helmet of a type that conforms to the federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards contained in 49 C.F.R. § 571.218, as may be amended. The requirement of this section shall not apply to occupants of fully enclosed autocycles or while an individual is participating in a parade for

1 which a permit or other official authorization has been granted by a local
2 governing body or other governmental authority.

3 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

4 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.