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**MOTORCYCLE CRASH HELMETS**

**House Bill 4325**

**Sponsor: Rep. Leon Drolet**

**Committee: Transportation**

**Complete to 4-1-03**

**A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4325 AS INTRODUCED 3-11-03**

Currently under the Michigan Vehicle Code, any person who operates or rides on a motorcycle, and any person less than 19 years old who operates a moped on a public thoroughfare must wear a crash helmet on his or her head. The crash helmets must be approved by the Department of State Police, and the department is charged with developing rules to implement this requirement. However, the law specifies that the rules in effect on June 1, 1970 apply to crash helmets.

House Bill 4325 would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to specify that the requirement to wear a crash helmet would not apply to:

-A person 21 years of age or older who had been licensed to operate a motorcycle for at least two years, or who had successfully completed a motorcycle safety course; and

-The passenger on a motorcycle operated by a person described above, if the passenger was 21 years of age or older.

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