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Presented by Senator O'Leary of Oxford.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Repealing the Requirement for Wearing Motorcycle Helmets.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

29 **MRSA** § 1373, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 222, § 7, is repealed.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The intent of this bill is to repeal the statutory requirement that motorcyclists must wear helmets. The Congress has now repealed a federal provision which made the state mandate this requirement if it wanted its full quota of federal highway funds. With this federal mandate gone, Maine can now remove the unwarranted infringement on personal liberties which the motorcycle helmet law involves. This bill will therefore leave the decision of whether or not to wear helmets up to each motorcyclist, just as the decision of whether or not to wear seat belts is up to each motorist.