

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative STROUT of Windham.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-NINE

**An Act Requiring Protective Headgear for All Operators and
Passengers on Motorcycles, Motor Driven Cycles and Mopeds.**



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

3 29 MRSA §1376, as amended by PL 1983, c. 415, is repealed
5 and the following enacted in its place:

7 **§1376. Protective headgear for motorcycle, motor driven cycle
and moped riders**

9 Every person who operates a motorcycle, motor driven cycle
11 or moped, whether on or off the highways, shall wear protective
13 headgear. Every person who rides as a passenger on a motorcycle,
15 motor driven cycle or moped or in a sidecar attached to a
motorcycle or motor driven cycle, whether on or off the highways,
shall wear protective headgear.

17 No operator of a motorcycle, motor driven cycle or moped may
allow a passenger to ride in violation of this section.

19 All protective headgear required in this section shall
21 conform with minimum standards of construction and performance,
23 as prescribed by the American National Standards Institute
specification Z90.1 or by the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety
Standard No. 218.

25 Violation of this section is a civil violation for which a
27 forfeiture of \$25 for the first violation and \$50 for each
subsequent violation shall be adjudged.

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31 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

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35 This bill requires mandatory use of helmets by all operators
and passengers of motorcycles, motor driven cycles and mopeds.