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No. 1038

H.P. 761

House of Representatives, February 13, 1997

An Act to Require That a Person under 16 Years of Age Wear Protective Headgear when Riding a Bicycle.

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative BRENNAN of Portland.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BERRY of Livermore, BULL of Freeport, Senator:
PENDLETON of Cumberland.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2084, sub-§§3 and 4 are enacted to read:**

6 3. **Helmet.** A person under 16 years of age who is operating
8 or is a passenger on a bicycle shall wear a helmet. For the
10 purposes of this subsection, to wear a helmet means having a
12 helmet of good fit fastened securely upon the head with the
14 helmet straps.

16 4. **Violation.** Any person who violates subsection 3 commits
18 a civil violation for which a civil forfeiture not to exceed \$25
20 may be adjudged. This fine may be waived if a receipt is
22 produced within 72 hours of the violation demonstrating that the
person has purchased a helmet.

SUMMARY

This bill authorizes the State to promote the health and safety of a person under 16 years of age who is operating a bicycle or is a passenger on a bicycle by requiring that person to wear a bicycle helmet.