

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 119th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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No. 221

H.P. 159

House of Representatives, January 11, 1999

**An Act to Require Helmets for Children when Riding Bicycles,  
All-terrain Vehicles or Snowmobiles.**

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Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative BAKER of Bangor.  
Cosponsored by Senator GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock and  
Representatives: BROOKS of Winterport, DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, HATCH of  
Skowhegan, MAYO of Bath, McKEE of Wayne, SANBORN of Alton, SAXL of Bangor,  
Senator: FERGUSON of Oxford.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2085** is enacted to read:

6 **§2085. Helmets**

8 A person under 18 years of age who operates or is a  
10 passenger on a bicycle, ATV, snowmobile or any motorized vehicle  
12 as defined in Title 36, section 4831, subsection 3 shall wear a  
helmet. For the purposes of this section, "wear a helmet" means  
having a helmet of good fit fastened securely upon the head with  
the helmet straps.

14 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill requires a person under 18 years of age who  
18 operates or is a passenger on a bicycle, ATV, snowmobile or any  
20 other motorized vehicle to wear a helmet.