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House of Representatives, February 10, 2009

**An Act To Require a Person under 18 Years of Age To Wear a
Helmet While on a Motorcycle**

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative CAIN of Orono.
Cosponsored by Senator GERZOFKY of Cumberland and
Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, MAZUREK of Rockland, Speaker PINGREE of
North Haven, ROTUNDO of Lewiston, SUTHERLAND of Chapman, Senators: BARTLETT
of Cumberland, DAMON of Hancock.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2083, sub-§1, ¶A**, as amended by PL 2005, c. 577, §33, is
3 further amended to read:

4 A. If under ~~15~~ 18 years of age, a passenger on a motorcycle or in an attached side
5 car;

6 **Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §2083, sub-§1, ¶B**, as amended by PL 2005, c. 577, §33, is
7 further amended to read:

8 B. If under ~~15~~ 18 years of age, an operator of ~~an off-road~~ a motorcycle;

9 **Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §2083, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2005, c. 577, §33, is
10 further amended to read:

11 **2. Compliance.** An operator of a motorcycle, parent or guardian may not allow a
12 passenger under the age of ~~15~~ 18 years to ride in violation of this section.

13 **SUMMARY**

14 This bill changes the age under which a motorcycle operator or passenger is required
15 to wear protective headgear from under 15 years of age to under 18 years of age. This
16 change would bring the headgear requirements for motorcycle operators or passengers
17 into conformity with the headgear requirements for snowmobile operators or passengers
18 on trails funded by the Snowmobile Trail Fund and ATV operators or passengers.