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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
149th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE BILL NO. 14

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 21 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE RULES OF THE ROAD.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE:

1 Section 1. Amend § 4185, Title 21 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and
2 insertions as shown by underline as follows:

3 § 4185. Riding on motorcycles.

4 (b) Every person operating or riding on a motorcycle shall ~~have in that person's possession~~ wear a safety helmet
5 approved by the Secretary of Safety and Homeland Security (hereinafter "Secretary") through the Office of Highway Safety
6 and shall wear eye protection approved by the Secretary; ~~provided, however, that every person up to 19 years of age~~
7 ~~operating or riding on a motorcycle shall wear a safety helmet and eye protection approved by the Secretary.~~

SYNOPSIS

Under current Delaware law, every adult operating or riding a motorcycle is required to have a helmet in his or her possession while operating or riding a motorcycle and every person up to 19 years of age must wear a helmet. This Act requires that every person, regardless of age, who operates or rides a motorcycle wear a helmet while doing so. Nineteen states and the District of Columbia currently require all motorcyclists to wear a helmet. Of the 49 motorcycle fatalities in Delaware since 2014, just over half of the motorcyclists, 28, were wearing helmets at the time of the crash.