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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
148th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE BILL NO. 54

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

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

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

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

7 Section 2. This bill shall take effect upon its enactment.

SYNOPSIS

Currently every motorcycle rider is required to have a helmet in his or her possession while riding. This bill requires that the person, along with any passengers, actually wear a helmet. Currently, 19 states and the District of Columbia require all motorcyclists to wear a helmet. Since 2014, of the 15 motorcycle fatalities in Delaware, only 6 were wearing helmets at the time of crash.