

**FISCAL NOTE**  
 LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES *				
	FY 2011-12		FY 2012-13	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS	*\$46,800		*	
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	*\$46,800		*	

\*Does not include any impact on political subdivisions. See narrative for political subdivision estimates.

LB 52 exempts anyone who is 21 years of age or older who is operating or riding on a motorcycle from wearing a helmet. Eye protection is required to be worn. Persons who are over age 15 but less than age 21 are also exempt if they have completed a motorcycle safety education course. Enforcement of such provisions is to be accomplished as a secondary action. Exempt persons shall have the words "helmet not required" printed on the motorcycle operator's license.

The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) estimates a one-time expenditure of \$32,000 of cash funds in FY 2011-12 for computer programming expenses of the vendor to change the motorcycle operator's license to include the words "helmet not required".

The Department of Roads indicates the passage of the bill will mean the department has to change highway signs notifying motorists of motorcycle helmet laws. The agency estimates a one-time cost of \$14,800 of cash funds in FY 2011-12 for new signage and labor to replace existing signs.

It is probable there will be an increase in persons between the ages of 15 and 21 who opt to take a motorcycle safety education course in order to be exempted from wearing a helmet. Currently, there are about 1,200 individuals between the ages of 17 to 21 who have motorcycle operator licenses. It is assumed at least 15% of this age group, or about 180 persons per year, may opt to take a course to ride without a helmet.

DMV reimburses providers of motorcycle safety education courses \$75 for each course successfully completed. It is assumed providers will increase the availability of courses, if cash funds are appropriated from the Motorcycle Safety Education Fund for the reimbursement. So, it is estimated that an additional \$13,500 of cash funds (\$75 per course x 180 individuals) will be expended annually to reimburse providers for the increase in persons taking motorcycle safety education courses pursuant to the bill. The balance in the Motorcycle Safety Education Fund is sufficient to provide such reimbursement. \*However, if LB 170 (2011) passes, the state reimbursement will no longer be required, beginning January 1, 2012, so it is assumed there will be only a minimal fiscal impact related to an increased number of persons, between the ages of 15 and 21, taking motorcycle safety education courses.

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COMMENTS					
DEPT. OF MOTOR VEHICLES – No basis to dispute agency analysis.					
DEPT. OF ROADS – No basis to dispute agency analysis.					