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## **LEGISLATIVE BILL 368**

Introduced by Lowe, 37.

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Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to motorcycles and mopeds; to amend section
- 2 60-6,279, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change helmet
- 3 provisions and passenger age limits; to require eye protection; and
- 4 to repeal the original section.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

- 1 Section 1. Section 60-6,279, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,
- 2 is amended to read:
- 3 60-6,279 (1) A person shall not operate a motorcycle or moped on
- 4 any highway in this state unless such person is wearing eye protection.
- 5 (2)(a) Except as otherwise provided in subsections (3) and (4) of
- 6 <u>this section, a</u> A person shall not operate or be a passenger on a
- 7 motorcycle or moped on any highway in this state unless such person is
- 8 wearing a protective helmet of the type and design manufactured for use
- 9 by operators of such vehicles and unless such helmet is secured properly
- 10 on his or her head with a chin strap while the vehicle is in motion. All
- 11 such protective helmets shall be designed to reduce injuries to the user
- 12 resulting from head impacts and shall be designed to protect the user by
- 13 remaining on the user's head, deflecting blows, resisting penetration,
- 14 and spreading the force of impact. Each such helmet shall consist of
- 15 lining, padding, and chin strap and shall meet or exceed the standards
- 16 established in the United States Department of Transportation's Federal
- 17 Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 218, 49 C.F.R. 571.218, for motorcycle
- 18 helmets.
- 19 <u>(b) A person shall not be a passenger on a motorcycle or moped on</u>
- 20 any highway in this state unless such person is at least six years of
- 21 <u>age</u>.
- 22 (3) A person who is at least twenty-one years of age is exempt from
- 23 subdivision (2)(a) of this section.
- 24 (4) For purposes of this section, eye protection means glasses that
- 25 cover the orbital region of a person's face, a protective face shield
- 26 <u>attached to a protective helmet, goggles, or a windshield on the</u>
- 27 <u>motorcycle or moped that protects the operator's and passenger's</u>
- 28 horizontal line of vision in all operating positions.
- 29 Sec. 2. Original section 60-6,279, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 30 Nebraska, is repealed.