

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2019
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB378

Hearing Date: Tuesday February 12, 2019
Committee On: Transportation and Telecommunications
Introducer: Hansen, B.
One Liner: Change helmet provisions for autocycles, motorcycles, and mopeds

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye:	5	Senators Albrecht, Friesen, Geist, Hilgers, Hughes
Nay:	1	Senator Cavanaugh
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:	2	Senators Bostelman, DeBoer

Oral Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Ben Hansen
Dave Bloomfield
John Ross
Scott Hoffman
Joseph R. Pace
Don Morgan
Gary Neeman
Randall Geer

Representing:

Introducer
self
Self
self
ABATE of NE
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Opponents:

Eric Koeppel
Rose White
Allison Vlach
Keith A. Valenzuela
Jerry Stilmock
Nicholas Bruggeman
Dr Brooke Murtaugh
Patrick Lange
Gary Hausmann
Fred Zwonechek
Andy Hale
Wesley Bottorf

Robert Corner

Representing:

National Safety Council, Nebraska
AAA - The Auto Club Group
UNMC Student Delegates
self
NE State Vol Fire Fighters Assoc, NE Fire Chiefs Assoc
NE Medical Assoc
self, Madonna Rehabilitation Hospitals
self
self
self
NE Hospital Assoc
NE Insurance Information Service, NE Insurance
Federation
self

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

The bill amends section 60-6,279 relating to mandatory motorcycle helmet usage. The section is amended by providing

that no motorcycle, moped, or auticycle shall be operated on the highways of Nebraska unless the operator is wearing eye protection (eye protection is defined as glasses that cover the orbital region of a person's face, or a protective face shield attached to a helmet, goggles, or a windshield that protects the operator's and passenger's horizontal line of vision in all operating positions).

Any person 21 years of age or older is exempt from the requirements of the section that directs an approved, compliant motorcycle helmet shall be worn by any person operating or riding as a passenger on a motorcycle or moped on the highways of Nebraska.

Curt Friesen, Chairperson