

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Morrissey, Michael (SEN)

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to the modification of the helmet law.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Morrissey, Michael (SEN)	Norfolk and Plymouth

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. S02076 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE MODIFICATION OF THE HELMET LAW.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 7 of chapter 90, as appearing in the 1998 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended by striking the out the entire sentence beginning with the word “Every” in line 141 and
3 ending with the words “ head gear” in line 147.

4 SECTION 2. Section 7 of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended
5 by adding at the end of said section the following new paragraph:-

6 Every person operating a motorcycle or riding as a passenger on a motorcycle or in a sidecar
7 attached to a motorcycle who is under the age of twenty-one years of age must wear protective
8 headgear conforming with such minimum standards and construction as the Registrar may
9 prescribe, and no person operating a motorcycle shall permit any other person under the age of
10 twenty-one years of age to ride as a passenger on such motorcycle unless said passenger is

- 11 wearing protective headgear unless said operator has completed a motorcycle rider education
- 12 course approved by the registrar and is not under the age of eighteen years of age.