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# SENATE BILL NO. 590

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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## AN ACT

To repeal section 302.020, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to the operation of motorcycles and motortricycles, with penalty provisions.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Section 302.020, RSMo, is repealed and two new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 302.020 and 302.026, to read as follows:

302.020. 1. Unless otherwise provided for by law, it shall be unlawful for any person, except those expressly exempted by section 302.080, to:

(1) Operate any vehicle upon any highway in this state unless the person has a valid license;

(2) Operate a motorcycle or motortricycle upon any highway of this state unless such person has a valid license that shows the person has successfully passed an examination for the operation of a motorcycle or motortricycle as prescribed by the director. The director may indicate such upon a valid license issued to such person, or shall issue a license restricting the applicant to the operation of a motorcycle or motortricycle if the actual demonstration, required by section 302.173, is conducted on such vehicle;

(3) Authorize or knowingly permit a motorcycle or motortricycle owned by such person or under such person's control to be driven upon any highway by any person whose license does not indicate that the person has passed the examination for the operation of a motorcycle or motortricycle or has been issued an instruction permit therefor;

(4) Operate a motor vehicle with an instruction permit or license issued to another person.

19           2. Every person **under eighteen years of age who is** operating or  
20 riding as a passenger on any motorcycle or motortricycle, as defined in section  
21 301.010, upon any highway of this state shall wear protective headgear at all  
22 times the vehicle is in motion; **except that, any person eighteen years of**  
23 **age or older operating any motorcycle or motortricycle who has been**  
24 **issued an instruction permit shall wear protective headgear at all times**  
25 **the vehicle is in motion.** The protective headgear shall meet reasonable  
26 standards and specifications established by the director.

27           3. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 302.340 any person convicted  
28 of violating subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection 1 of this section is guilty of a  
29 misdemeanor. A first violation of subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection 1 of this  
30 section shall be punishable as a class D misdemeanor. A second violation of  
31 subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection 1 of this section shall be punishable as a class  
32 A misdemeanor. Any person convicted a third or subsequent time of violating  
33 subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection 1 of this section is guilty of a class E  
34 felony. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 302.340, violation of  
35 subdivisions (3) and (4) of subsection 1 of this section is a misdemeanor, the first  
36 violation punishable as a class D misdemeanor, a second or subsequent violation  
37 of this section punishable as a class C misdemeanor, and the penalty for failure  
38 to wear protective headgear as required by subsection 2 of this section is an  
39 infraction for which a fine not to exceed twenty-five dollars may be  
40 imposed. Notwithstanding all other provisions of law and court rules to the  
41 contrary, no court costs shall be imposed upon any person due to such violation.  
42 No points shall be assessed pursuant to section 302.302 for a failure to wear such  
43 protective headgear. Prior pleas of guilty and prior findings of guilty shall be  
44 pleaded and proven in the same manner as required by section 558.021.

**302.026. 1. Any qualified motorcycle operator who is eighteen**  
2 **years of age or older may operate a motorcycle or motortricycle upon**  
3 **any highway of this state without wearing protective headgear if he or**  
4 **she in addition to maintaining proof of financial responsibility in**  
5 **accordance with chapter 303, is covered by a health insurance policy**  
6 **or other form of insurance which will provide the person with medical**  
7 **benefits for injuries incurred as a result of an accident while operating**  
8 **or riding on a motorcycle or motortricycle.**

9           2. Proof of coverage required by subsection 1 of this section shall  
10 be provided, upon request by authorized law enforcement, by showing

11 a copy of the qualified operator's insurance card.

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