
Transportation Committee

HB 1255

Brief Description: Concerning motorcycle steering equipment requirements.

Sponsors: Representatives Orcutt and Sutherland.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Exempts a motorcycle driver from the requirement to wear a helmet if the motorcycle is equipped with a steering wheel or handlebars, seat belts meeting federal safety standards, and a partially or completely enclosed seating area which has been federally certified as crush proof.

Hearing Date:

Staff: Beth Redfield (786-7140).

Background:

Motorcycle drivers are required to wear a helmet when operating the motorcycle on a state highway, county road, or city street. The requirement does not apply if the motorcycle is antique or the motorcycle is equipped with all of the following: a steering wheel, seat belts meeting federal safety standards, and a partially or completely enclosed seating area which has been federally certified as crush proof.

Summary of Bill:

The motorcycle helmet requirement would not apply if a motorcycle is equipped with a steering wheel or handlebars and also meets the requirements regarding safety belts and a crush proof, enclosed seating area.

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Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on January 25, 2021.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.