

Michigan House Bill to allow Helmetless Motorcycle Operation

On October 11, 2007, House Bill 4749 to allow helmetless motorcycle operation passed in the Michigan House of Representatives 69 to 39.

The legislation allows motorcycle operators to ride without a helmet if they meet the following requirements:

- Pay an extra \$100 annual fee or \$200 fee for three years
- Have held a motorcycle license for two years or have taken a motorcycle safety course
- Purchase extra insurance with \$20,000 personal injury coverage

Passengers who wish to ride without a helmet would be required to pay a \$100 annual fee or a \$200 fee for three years. The bill would also increase the penalties for motorcycle operators who ride helmetless without paying the additional fee. A license plate sticker would be assigned to those who have paid. Out-of-state riders would not have to buy the permit if they own their motorcycle.

The bill has now moved to the Senate and will be voted on in the upcoming weeks. Please contact your Senators about this important safety legislation.

Uncertain who your legislators are or how to contact them?

Visit www.michiganvotes.org and select the link to “Find Your Legislator” in the left-hand column. ♦