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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 367

As Amended by Senate Committee on
Transportation

Brief*

SB 367 extends responsibility for ensuring those under the age of 18 wear protective equipment while riding on motorcycles and motorized bicycles. The bill would make it a violation of Kansas law to allow or permit any person under the age of 18 to operate or ride on a motorcycle or motorized bicycle without a helmet or on a motorcycle without eye protection.

Current law states that no one under the age of 18 may operate or ride on a motorcycle or motorized bicycle without wearing an approved helmet, and all who operate motorcycles must wear eye protection.

Background

Representatives of the Topeka Police Department and Kansas Action for Children presented testimony in support of the bill. Written testimony supporting the bill was received from a representative of AAA. There was no testimony in opposition to the bill.

The Senate Committee on Transportation amended the bill to require those under age 18 who are passengers on motorcycles to use eye protection (protective glasses, goggles, or transparent face shields) that is shatterproof and impact-resistant and extend responsibility to those who allow or permit such riding.

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>

The fine for violation of KSA 8-1598, which would be amended by this bill, is \$30, not including court costs.

According to the fiscal note, the Kansas Department of Transportation states it would include information on this topic in its public information and education programs, within existing resources.