

The Helmet Act

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The 2006-2007 Helmet Act states that in the state of Florida every person or persons driving or riding a motorcycle has to wear a helmet, regardless of age or experience.

State and local revenues would not be affected. In fact, the state would benefit financially from the enactment of this bill. Statistics show that a helmet law reduce fatalities, save taxpayer's money, and reduces the severity of injuries when crashes do occur. In 1999, when Florida's helmet law was in place, there were twenty-two "unhelmeted" deaths. Then, in 2004, when it was no longer illegal to ride a motorcycle in Florida without wearing a helmet, the numbers soared to two hundred and fifty "unhelmeted" deaths, an increase of more than one thousand percent. Although the use of a helmet would not decrease the number of accidents, statistically it would decrease the number of deaths.