

HOUSE BILL No. 2137

By Committee on Transportation

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9 AN ACT regulating traffic; requiring the wearing of helmets when op-
10 erating motorcycles; amending K.S.A. 8-1598 and repealing the exist-
11 ing section.

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13 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

14 Section 1. K.S.A. 8-1598 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-
15 1598. (a) No person ~~under the age of 18 years~~ shall operate or ride upon
16 a motorcycle or a motorized bicycle, unless wearing a helmet which com-
17 plies with minimum guidelines established by the national highway traffic
18 safety administration pursuant to the national traffic and motor vehicle
19 safety act of 1966 for helmets designed for use by motorcyclists and other
20 motor vehicle users.

21 (b) No person shall operate a motorcycle unless such person is wear-
22 ing an eye-protective device which shall consist of protective glasses, gog-
23 gles or transparent face shields which are shatter proof and impact resis-
24 tant, except when the motorcycle is equipped with a windscreen which
25 has a minimum height of 10 inches measured from the center of the
26 handlebars.

27 (c) This section shall not apply to persons riding within an enclosed
28 cab or on a golf cart, nor shall it apply to any person operating or riding
29 any industrial or cargo-type vehicle having three wheels and commonly
30 known as a truckster.

31 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 8-1598 is hereby repealed.

32 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
33 publication in the statute book.