

By Representative Argenziano

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to motorcycle riders; amending
3 s. 316.211, F.S.; exempting persons of a
4 specified age from certain safety equipment
5 requirements; requiring insurance coverage
6 under certain conditions; providing an
7 effective date.

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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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11 Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 316.211, Florida
12 Statutes, is amended to read:

13 316.211 Equipment for motorcycle and moped riders.--

14 (3) This section shall not apply to persons riding
15 within an enclosed cab or to any person 16 years of age or
16 older who is operating or riding upon a motorcycle powered by
17 a motor with a displacement of 50 cubic centimeters or less or
18 is rated not in excess of 2 brake horsepower and which is not
19 capable of propelling such motorcycle at a speed greater than
20 30 miles per hour on level ground, or to persons over the age
21 of 21 years. In order to ride a motorcycle without wearing
22 protective headgear a person over the age of 21 must obtain
23 bodily injury liability insurance in the minimum amount of
24 \$20,000 per person, \$40,000 per accident and medical payment
25 coverage for the driver and all passengers of the motorcycle
26 of at least \$10,000 for the driver and each person. The
27 operator of the motorcycle must have proof of insurance on his
28 or her person in order to operate the motorcycle and shall be
29 required to provide proof of insurance upon demand by any law
30 enforcement officer.

31 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1999.

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HOUSE SUMMARY

Provides that persons over the age of 21 years do not need protective headgear to operate a motorcycle so long as the person obtains bodily injury liability insurance in the minimum amount of \$20,000 per person, \$40,000 per accident and medical payment coverage for the driver and all passengers of the motorcycle of at least \$10,000 for the driver and each passenger. Provides that the operator of the motorcycle must have proof of insurance on his or her person in order to operate the motorcycle and shall be required to provide proof of insurance upon demand to any law enforcement officer.