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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability  
(Latvala) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Between lines 389 and 390  
insert:

Section 7. Paragraph (d) of subsection (3) and subsection  
(8) of section 316.2065, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:  
316.2065 Bicycle regulations.—

(3)

(d) A bicycle rider or passenger who is under 16 years of  
age must wear a bicycle helmet that is properly fitted and is  
fastened securely upon the passenger's head by a strap, and that  
meets the federal safety standard for bicycle helmets, final



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13 rule, 16 C.F.R. part 1203. Helmets purchased before October 1,  
14 2011, and meeting standards of the American National Standards  
15 Institute (ANSI Z 90.4 Bicycle Helmet Standards), the standards  
16 of the Snell Memorial Foundation (1984 Standard for Protective  
17 Headgear for Use in Bicycling), or any other nationally  
18 recognized standards for bicycle helmets adopted by the  
19 department may continue to be worn by riders or passengers until  
20 January 1, 2015. As used in this subsection, the term  
21 "passenger" includes a child who is riding in a trailer or  
22 semitrailer attached to a bicycle.

23 (8) Every bicycle in use between sunset and sunrise shall  
24 be equipped with a lamp on the front exhibiting a white light  
25 visible from a distance of at least 500 feet to the front and a  
26 lamp and reflector on the rear each exhibiting a red light  
27 visible from a distance of 600 feet to the rear. A bicycle or  
28 its rider may be equipped with lights or reflectors in addition  
29 to those required by this section. A law enforcement officer may  
30 issue a bicycle safety brochure and a verbal warning to a  
31 bicycle rider who violates this subsection. A bicycle rider who  
32 violates this subsection may be issued a citation by a law  
33 enforcement officer and assessed a fine for a pedestrian  
34 violation, as provided in s. 318.18. The court shall dismiss the  
35 charge against a bicycle rider for a first violation of this  
36 subsection upon proof of purchase and installation of the proper  
37 lighting equipment.

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39 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

40 And the title is amended as follows:

41 Delete line 22



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42 and insert:  
43       conforming a reference; amending s. 316.2065, F.S.;  
44 revising safety standard requirements for bicycle helmets that  
45 must be worn by certain riders and passengers; providing for  
46 enforcement of requirements for bicycle lighting equipment;  
47 providing penalties for violations; providing for dismissal of  
48 the charge following a first offense under certain  
49 circumstances; amending s. 316.2085, F.S.;

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