

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1992.

Approved March 6, 1992.

CHAPTER 2

(Senate Bill 4)

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws - Motorcycle Helmets

FOR the purpose of prohibiting an individual, regardless of the individual's age, from operating or riding on a motorcycle unless the individual is wearing certain protective headgear; establishing that failure to wear protective headgear in violation of this Act may not be considered evidence of negligence or contributory negligence, limit certain liability, or diminish recovery for certain damages; prohibiting certain persons from making reference to protective headgear during certain trials; clarifying language; requiring a court to order separate trials for joint tort-feasors or defendants in a civil action under certain circumstances; and generally relating to a prohibition against operating or riding on a motorcycle without certain headgear.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Transportation

Section 21-1306(b)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1987 Replacement Volume and 1991 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Transportation

Section 21-1306(e)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1987 Replacement Volume and 1991 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Transportation

21-1306.

(b) [A minor] AN INDIVIDUAL may not operate or ride on a motorcycle unless the [minor] INDIVIDUAL is wearing protective headgear that meets the standards established by the Administrator.