

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Legislative Bill</p>	Red Bill # 54	
	Referred to Committee: House 5	
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1 An act to require any operator or passenger of a motorcycle to wear approved protective headgear anytime
2 the vehicle is in motion.

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4 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

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6 Section 1: Currently, Kentucky law states that a person may operate a motorcycle without protective
7 headgear if over 21 years of age. A motorcycle is defined as any motor-driven vehicle having a seat or
8 saddle for the use of the operator and/or passenger and designed to travel on not more than three wheels in
9 contact with the ground, but excluding tractors and vehicles on which operator and passengers are riding in
10 an enclosed vehicle.

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12 Section 2: Protective headgear must be approved by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC).

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14 Section 3: Although some say that protective headgear can cause neck or spinal cord injuries, research has
15 proven untrue.

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17 Section 4: This bill will lower the risk of serious injuries and death caused by motor vehicle accidents;
18 specifically head or brain injuries.

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20 Section 5: According to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, because serious head injury is common
21 among motor vehicle accidents, headgear use is important. Helmets are about 67% effective in preventing
22 brain injuries. Yet only 19 states and the District of Columbia mandate protective headgear use by all riders.

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24 Section 6: The enactment of this law requires no funding, excluding the cost of the approved protective
25 headgear purchased by the operator and passenger(s).

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27 Section 7: Penalties of riding a motorcycle without approved protective headgear:

28 1st offense - \$150 fine

29 2nd offense - \$300 fine and 3 month suspension from your motor vehicle operator's license.

30 3rd offense - Immediate loss of license for one year; \$600 fine plus court costs and possible jail time.

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32 Section 8: This law will be enforced by the Kentucky State Police.

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34 Section 9: This bill will go into effect 60 days after passage.