

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 310

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE RODEN.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

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## AN ACT

To repeal section 302.020 as enacted by senate bill no. 491, ninety-seventh general assembly, second regular session and section 302.020 as enacted by house bill no. 111, ninety-sixth general assembly, second regular session, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to wearing protective headgear, with penalty provisions.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Section 302.020 as enacted by senate bill no. 491, ninety-seventh general  
2 assembly, second regular session and section 302.020 as enacted by house bill no. 111, ninety-  
3 sixth general assembly, second regular session, are repealed and one new section enacted in lieu  
4 thereof, to be known as section 302.020, to read as follows:

302.020. 1. Unless otherwise provided for by law, it shall be unlawful for any person,  
2 except those expressly exempted by section 302.080, to:

3 (1) Operate any vehicle upon any highway in this state unless the person has a valid  
4 license;

5 (2) Operate a motorcycle or motortricycle upon any highway of this state unless such  
6 person has a valid license that shows the person has successfully passed an examination for the  
7 operation of a motorcycle or motortricycle as prescribed by the director. The director may  
8 indicate such upon a valid license issued to such person, or shall issue a license restricting the  
9 applicant to the operation of a motorcycle or motortricycle if the actual demonstration, required  
10 by section 302.173, is conducted on such vehicle;

11 (3) Authorize or knowingly permit a motorcycle or motortricycle owned by such person  
12 or under such person's control to be driven upon any highway by any person whose license does

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

13 not indicate that the person has passed the examination for the operation of a motorcycle or  
14 motortricycle or has been issued an instruction permit therefor;

15 (4) Operate a motor vehicle with an instruction permit or license issued to another  
16 person.

17 2. Every person **under eighteen years of age who is** operating or riding as a passenger  
18 on any motorcycle or motortricycle, as defined in section 301.010, upon any highway of this state  
19 shall wear protective headgear at all times the vehicle is in motion, **except that any person**  
20 **eighteen years of age or older operating any motorcycle or motortricycle who has been**  
21 **issued an instruction permit shall wear protective headgear at all times the vehicle is in**  
22 **motion.** The protective headgear shall meet reasonable standards and specifications established  
23 by the director.

24 3. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 302.340 any person convicted of violating  
25 subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection 1 of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor. A first violation  
26 of subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection 1 of this section shall be punishable as a class D  
27 misdemeanor. A second violation of subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection 1 of this section shall  
28 be punishable as a class A misdemeanor. Any person convicted a third or subsequent time of  
29 violating subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection 1 of this section is guilty of a class E felony.  
30 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 302.340, violation of subdivisions (3) and (4) of  
31 subsection 1 of this section is a misdemeanor, the first violation punishable as a class D  
32 misdemeanor, a second or subsequent violation of this section punishable as a class C  
33 misdemeanor, and the penalty for failure to wear protective headgear as required by subsection  
34 2 of this section is an infraction for which a fine not to exceed twenty-five dollars may be  
35 imposed. Notwithstanding all other provisions of law and court rules to the contrary, no court  
36 costs shall be imposed upon any person due to such violation. No points shall be assessed  
37 pursuant to section 302.302 for a failure to wear such protective headgear. Prior pleas of guilty  
38 and prior findings of guilty shall be pleaded and proven in the same manner as required by  
39 section 558.021.

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27 three hundred dollars. A second violation of subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection 1 of this section  
28 shall be punishable by imprisonment in the county jail for a term not to exceed one year and/or  
29 a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars. Any person convicted a third or subsequent time of  
30 violating subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection 1 of this section is guilty of a class D felony.  
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