

HOUSE BILL 2767
By McCord

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 9, Part 3, relative to motorcycles.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 9, Part 3, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

55-9-309.

(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of § 55-9-302, the driver of a motorcycle, motorized bicycle as defined in chapter 8 of this title, or motor-driven cycle and any passenger thereon shall not be required to wear a crash helmet the week before Memorial Day or the week following Labor Day of each year.

(b) All law enforcement agencies shall report to the Tennessee highway patrol any accidents involving motorcycles, motorized bicycles or motor-driven cycles and the severity of any injuries resulting from such accidents. Such report shall contain whether or not the riders of the motorcycle, motorized bicycle or motor-driven cycle were wearing helmets.

(c) The Tennessee highway patrol shall compile a report from information provided by law enforcement agencies pursuant to subsection (b) and present such report to the senate transportation committee and the house of representatives transportation committee by February 1 of each year starting in 2005.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. The provisions of this act shall cease to be effective on February 2, 2007.