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2 *FCS HCS CS* SENATE BILL NO. 666 *am H*

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to motorcycle and motor scooter safe-
7 ty; and providing for an effective date."

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

9 * Section 1. AS 28.35 is amended by adding new sections to read:

10 Sec. 28.35.270. MOTORCYCLE, MOTOR SCOOTER - MIRRORS, GOGGLES, FACE
11 SHIELD AND HELMET. (a) A person may not

12 (1) operate a motorcycle or motor scooter that is not equip-
13 ped with a mirror on each side of the handlebars; the two mirrors shall
14 be located so as to give the driver a complete view of the highway for a
15 distance of at least 200 feet to the rear of the motorcycle or motor
16 scooter;

17 (2) operate a motorcycle or motor scooter that does not have
18 a windshield which rises at least 15 inches above the handlebars unless
19 he wears goggles or a transparent face shield meeting the requirements
20 of sec. 310 of this chapter;

21 (3) operate or ride upon a motorcycle or motor scooter unless
22 he wears on his head a protective helmet meeting the requirements of
23 sec. 310 of this chapter; the helmet shall be equipped with either a
24 neck or chin strap which shall be fastened securely while the motorcycle
25 or motor scooter is in motion and which shall be reflectorized so as to
26 be visible from all distances between 600 and 100 feet.

27 (b) The provisions of (a)(2) and (3) of this section do not apply
28 to a person riding within an enclosed cab.

29 Sec. 28.35.280. HELMET REQUIRED WHEN MOTORCYCLE OR MOTOR SCOOTER

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1 RENTED. (a) A person may not rent a motorcycle or motor scooter to
2 another person unless he also has available for rent a helmet meeting
3 the requirements of secs. 270(a)(3) and 310 of this chapter.

4 (b) A motorcycle or motor scooter may not be rented to a person
5 who does not have in his possession, or rent, an approved helmet.

6 Sec. 28.35.290. MAXIMUM HIEGHT FOR HANDLEBARS. A person may not
7 operate a motorcycle or motor scooter on which the handlebars or grips,
8 at their highest point, are more than 15 inches higher than the seat or
9 saddle for the operator.

10 Sec. 28.35.300. MOTORCYCLE AND MOTOR SCOOTER WINDSHIELD. A motor-
11 cycle or motor scooter windshield, to be recognized as a windshield,
12 shall rise 15 inches above the highest point of the handlebars or grips,
13 and shall be of glazing material approved by the commissioner of public
14 safety or clear plastic which need not be an approved type.

15 Sec. 28.35.310. HELMET, GOGGLES AND FACE SHIELD STANDARDS. (a)
16 The protective headgear or helmet required to be worn by a person riding
17 on or operating a motorcycle or motor scooter as provided by secs. 270
18 and 280 of this chapter shall be manufactured to meet the standards
19 provided by U. S. Standards Institute Safety Code Z 90.1 - 1966.

20 (b) The goggles and transparent face shield required by sec. 270
21 (a)(2) of this chapter shall meet the standards provided by U. S. Stan-
22 dards Institute Safety Code Z 2.1 - 1959.

23 (c) A person may not knowingly offer for sale, sell or manufacture
24 in the state a protective headgear, helmet, goggles or face shield pur-
25 porting to be for the use and protection of a motorcycle or motor
26 scooter rider or operator which does not meet the specifications pro-
27 vided in this section and which does not bear a readily identifiable
28 permanent mark or stamp which indicates that it meets the minimum
29 standards provided in this section.

1 * Sec. 2. The provisions in sec. 1 of this Act shall be placed on the
2 ballot at the next general election by the lieutenant governor. Sec. 1 is
3 effective upon certification by the lieutenant governor that it has been
4 approved by a majority of the qualified voters voting on the question at that
5 election.

6 * Sec. 3. Sec. 2 of this Act takes effect immediately in accordance with
7 AS 01.10.070(c).

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