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FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 239 (Senator Hafer. *et al.*)

Judicial Proceedings

Vehicle Laws - Motorcycle Helmets - Minors

This bill provides that motorcycle helmet laws apply only to minors. Current law requires anyone riding or operating a motorcycle to wear a helmet.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Potential minimal decrease in general fund revenues.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Minimal effect on small businesses to the extent that individuals who purchase motorcycles decide not to purchase a helmet. The majority of motorcycle dealers are small businesses.

Fiscal Analysis

State Revenues: In fiscal 1998, 279 citations were issued for failure to wear a helmet while riding or operating a motorcycle. The citation carries a fine of \$60. General fund revenues could decrease minimally as fewer citations are issued for violations of helmet requirements.

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