

SENATE BILL 8

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By: **Senator Hollinger**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **In-Line Roller Skating - Protective Helmets and Headgear**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring children under a certain age who operate in-line roller  
4 skates to wear protective headgear that meets certain standards; providing  
5 certain exceptions; and generally relating to the operation of in-line skates.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
7 Article - Transportation  
8 Section 21-1207.1  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (1999 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
12 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

13 **Article - Transportation**

14 21-1207.1.

15 (a) (1) The provisions of this section apply:

16 (i) At all times while a bicycle is being operated OR AN INDIVIDUAL  
17 IS RIDING ON IN-LINE SKATES, COMMONLY KNOWN AS ROLLER BLADES, on any  
18 highway, bicycle way, or other property open to the public or used by the public for  
19 pedestrian or vehicular traffic; and

20 (ii) To a person under the age of 16 who is riding on a bicycle OR ON  
21 IN-LINE SKATES, including a person under the age of 16 who is a passenger on a  
22 bicycle:

23 1. In a restraining seat attached to the bicycle; or

24 2. In a trailer being towed by the bicycle.

1           (2)       The provisions of this section do not apply to passengers in  
2 commercial bicycle rickshaws.

3       (b)       This section does not apply in the town of Ocean City, Maryland, on the  
4 boardwalk between the Ocean City inlet and 27th Street, during the hours in which  
5 bicycles are permitted by local ordinance to be operated on the boardwalk.

6       (c)       A person to whom this section applies may not operate or ride as a  
7 passenger on a bicycle OR RIDE ON IN-LINE SKATES unless the person is wearing a  
8 helmet that meets or exceeds the standards of the American National Standards  
9 Institute, the Snell Memorial Foundation's standard, or the standards of the  
10 American Society of Testing and Measurements for protective headgear for use in  
11 bicycling.

12       (d)       This section shall be enforced by the issuance of a warning that informs  
13 the offender of the requirements of this section and provides educational materials  
14 about [bicycle] helmet use.

15       SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
16 October 1, 2000.