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FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 197 (Senator Hafer, *et al.*)
Judicial Proceedings

Vehicle Laws - Motorcycle Helmets - Minors

This bill provides that motorcycle helmet laws apply only to minors.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill would not materially affect State finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: Anyone riding or operating a motorcycle must wear a helmet.

State Fiscal Effect: About 300 citations are issued each year 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.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: This bill was introduced as SB 239 in 1999. It received a favorable report from the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee but was rejected upon second reading.

Cross File: None.

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