

TraumaNet



SB 0195
Unfavorable

TO: The Honorable Senator William C. Smith, Jr., Chair
Judicial Proceedings Committee

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Position: Letter of Concern

Chair Smith and members of the committee, TraumaNet does not support **SB 0195 – Vehicle Laws - Protective Headgear Requirement for Motorcycle Rides - Exception (In Remembrance of Gary "Pappy" Boward)**.

TraumaNet is a multidisciplinary advocacy group focused on optimizing trauma care within Maryland. TraumaNet's representation spans each of Maryland's designated trauma centers and specialty referral centers. TraumaNet promotes excellence in trauma care by focusing on clinical care, research, education, injury prevention, and healthcare policy issues. TraumaNet works closely with the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS) to foster a collaborative statewide approach to trauma care.

TraumaNet is concerned that this law would put Marylanders at risk for severe head injury and death. Traumatic Brain Injury is a leading cause of death in motorcycle collisions. This bill, specifically easing the safety standards, would unnecessarily put citizens and operators at risk and further increase the strain on emergency departments providing care for these patients. Even in survivors, long-term consequences of traumatic brain injury not only impact the individual but also have implications for the family and community providing chronic supportive care.

TraumaNet urges an unfavorable report on SB 0195.