

HOUSE No. 5333

By Mr. Marini of Hanson (by request), petition of Linda Lewis Garrity for legislation to require bicyclists under the age of eighteen to wear helmets. Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

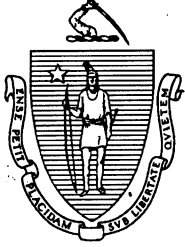
In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Eight.

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE USE OF BICYCLE HELMETS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 11B of chapter 85 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
3 striking out, in line 32, the words "twelve years of age or
4 younger" and inserting in place thereof the the following
5 words:— under the age of 18 years.

1 SECTION 2. Section 11D of said chapter 85, as so appearing, is
2 hereby amended by striking out, in lines 4 and 5, the words
3 "twelve years of age or younger" and inserting in place thereof the
4 following words:— under the age of 18 years.



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House of Representatives

State House, Boston 02133-1054

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May 18, 1998

D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk
City of Cambridge
795 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Ms. Drury:

Thank you for your letter expressing the Cambridge City Council's support for legislation to increase the required age for wearing a bicycle helmet from age twelve to age seventeen.

I am enclosing a copy of House bill 5333, "An Act Further Regulating the Use of Bicycle Helmets," which would require bicyclists under the age of eighteen to wear helmets. This legislation presently awaits action by the Joint Committee on Public Safety. In the event that House bill 5333 comes before the House for a vote, I will give the views of the Cambridge City Council careful consideration in deciding how to vote.

Thanks again for writing. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely,

Paul C. Demakis

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State Representative
8th Suffolk District

Enclosure

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Consent Communication #11

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A communication was received from Paul C. Demakis, State Representative, 8th Suffolk District, transmitting his support of legislation to increase the required age of wearing a bicycle helmet from age twelve to age seventeen.

In City Council June 1, 1998

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