

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. See page 642 of the Legislative Journal.) 30 ayes, 16 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to reconsider.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Motion passes. Technically, the Legislature is now on Final Reading once again. I would ask members to please remain in their seats. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a motion on the desk. Senators Smith and Moore would move to return the bill for specific amendment. Senator, I have amendment AM1813 before me. (Printed separate from the Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the body, this is basically the same amendment that Senator Moore and I offered the other day. We did make a change in it. Would you believe the motorcyclists have been willing to compromise even more in their willingness to do something to impact on the safety and the costs of accidents. Our amendment now reads, basically, on page 5 of the amendment, what we have now said is that after December 31, 1988 if the applicant is 19 years of age or under, present a satisfactory proof as determined by the Director that he or she has successfully completed a basic motorcycle safety course established pursuant to the Motorcycle Safety Education Act and so on, so that we have increased the age now to 19 years of age and under, and the other parts of the amendment will include, number one, as I have already mentioned, amend it so that the mandatory helmet provision will apply only to those riders who are 19 years of age and under, requires that all persons 19 and under applying for a motorcycle license present evidence that they have completed the motorcycle safety education course offered under the Motorcycle Safety Education Act, deletes references to Motorcycle Safety Education Cash Fund which was the cash fund that funded the program originally. Without the fund, the program will be generally funded instead. It takes money from the motorcycle only license fees and motorcycle registration fees that was earmarked to the Motorcycle Safety Education Cash Fund and sends it to the General Fund and it deletes some obsolete language in the Motorcycle Safety Education Act. We, basically, have not changed our reasoning for wanting to introduce this, and I remind you, folks, when we are talking about compromise here, we