



Ninety-Seventh Legislature - First Session - 2001  
**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 584**

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**Chairperson:** Senator Curt Bromm  
**Committee:** Transportation and Telecommunications  
**Date of Hearing:** February 26, 2001

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

Currently all motorcycle and moped operators and passengers are required to wear protective helmets on state highways. LB 584 exempts riders 21 and over from this requirement, provided they have successfully completed a motorcycle safety course. All motorcycle and moped operators and passengers under the age of 21 will continue to be required to wear protective helmets.

Under LB 584, no motorcycle operator license will be issued to a first-time applicant unless proof of completion of a course under the Motorcycle Safety Education Act is presented. Current license holders will not be required to complete a course.

LB 584 also requires motorcycle operators to wear eye protection. Authorized eye protection includes glasses, a protective face shield attached to a protective helmet, goggles or a motorcycle windshield that rises a minimum of fifteen inches above the handlebar.

LB 584 additionally instructs the state to publish and provide information on the effectiveness of helmets to license applicants 21 & over.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Senator Adrian M. Smith**