



Ninety-Eighth Legislature - First Session - 2003
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 303

Chairperson: Tom Baker
Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications
Date of Hearing: February 3, 2003

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 303 exempts operators and passengers who are 21 and over, on or after January 1, 2005 from this requirement provided that they wear eye protection, carry proof of health insurance equivalent to or exceeding the standards of the Comprehensive Health Insurance Pool Act, and carry proof of successful completion of an approved motorcycle safety course. All motorcycle operators and passengers under the age of 21 will continue to be required to wear protective helmets.

LB 303 also provides an exemption to the helmet requirement for motorcycle and moped operators and passengers who were born prior to January 1, 1984, provided that they wear eye protection and carry proof of health insurance equivalent to or exceeding the standards of the Comprehensive Health Insurance Pool Act. They will not be required to carry proof of successful completion of an approved motorcycle safety course.

Additionally, LB 303 will maintain the Motorcycle Safety Education Fund until January 1, 2005, at which time the name of the fund will be known as the Motorcycle Safety and Training Fund.

Finally, LB 303 will add \$5 to the motorcycle registration fee, starting July 1, 2003 through December 31, 2004, to fund the Motorcycle Safety Education Fund alleviating the estimated cost of implementing the bill. After January 1, 2005 the \$5 will remain to provide funds for use according to 60-2133.

Principal Introducer: _____
Senator Adrian M. Smith