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that we're saying everybody should have in order to rid themselves of the helmet, we are also saying that anybody born prior to January 1, 1984, that is 19 or so years old, they don't have to take the safety course. It's presumed that they're operating safely and know the rules. That's one thing. But the defect, even, I think, in terms of what Senator Smith is trying to do, is that the way this is drafted, if you're 19 or 20 and older, and you're getting on...and you're buying a motorcycle and getting on it for the first time, you still don't have to take the safety test, the safety course, even though you have absolutely no experience on the motorcycle. And I think that either we need to address that or, most certainly, that's a serious deficiency in the bill. Thank you. Oh, and I guess what I'm getting to in the end is, Senator Brown, your amendment doesn't apply to these subsection (3) people on page 17, that is, to anybody who is older...who has been born prior to January 1, 1984. Would you intend for your amendment to apply to them as well? I assume that you would, since they're taking the same risk as the others. I would give you a chance to respond to that.

SENATOR CUDABACK:        One minute.        Senator Brown, would you respond?

SENATOR BROWN:        Yes, Senator Beutler. That is a shortcoming of the amendment that we can address with a substitution as we move on. Thank you.

SENATOR BEUTLER:        Okay. Thank you. I'd yield back my time.

SENATOR CUDABACK:        Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Louden, followed by Senator Brown.

SENATOR LOUDEN:        Thank you, Senator Cudaback and members of the body. We have motorcycle helmets, we have right to carry guns. I guess it's all dangerous. Some of the paper that's being circulated on this motorcycle helmet law was that if we did away with the helmet law, we would have riders from out of state coming through our state, supposed to spend more money. And I agree they probably will. My question is that, the way the thing is written, how do you uphold and enforce the law for