

AN ACT

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To require that a person under 16 years of age when riding roller skates, a skateboard, sled, coaster, toy vehicle, sidewalk bicycle, scooter, or any similar device wear a safety helmet.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "Miscellaneous Vehicles Helmet Safety Act of 2004".

Sec. 2. Helmet requirement, miscellaneous vehicles.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person under 16 years of age to ride roller skates, a skateboard, sled, coaster, toy vehicle, sidewalk bicycle, scooter, or any similar device without wearing a protective helmet of good fit, fastened securely upon the head with the straps of the helmet.

(b) The parents or legal guardians of any child under 16 years of age found in violation of this act shall be liable for a fine of \$25; provided, that the fine shall be suspended for:

(1) First time violators; or

(2) Violators who subsequent to the violation, but prior to the date the fine is due, purchase a helmet as described in subsection (a) of this section and provide proof of the purchase.

(c) Any helmet offered for sale or rent for use by an operator, or passenger, of roller-skates, a skateboard, sled, coaster, toy vehicle, sidewalk bicycle, scooter, or any similar device shall meet or exceed the impact standards for protective bicycle helmets set by the American National Standards Institute, the Snell Memorial Foundation's standards for protective headgear, or the American Society for Testing and Materials for use in bicycling.

Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(3)).

Sec. 4. Applicability.

The penalties provided for in section 2(b) shall not be enforced until 90 days after the effective date of this act.

Sec. 5. Effective date.

This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of Congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 788; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.

Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia

Mayor
District of Columbia