



## RESOLUTION

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### **TITLE: ASSESSING THE IMPACT OF MOTORCYCLE HELMET LAWS**

**WHEREAS**, many states are considering motorcycle helmet legislation that includes enacting new laws and repealing existing laws; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to provide national and state level data related to the effectiveness of motorcycle helmet use to the public and individuals in decision-making positions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council for State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE) recently adopted a position statement that calls on the National Center on Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC) at CDC to issue a report assessing the importance of motorcycle helmet laws in preventing fatal and non-fatal injuries, and the costs associated with helmet laws; and

**WHEREAS**, this report should include a summary of available national as well as state level data; therefore

**RESOLVED**, Safe States Alliance supports the CSTE Position Statement, and recognizes the importance of documenting the impact of motorcycle helmet laws; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Safe States calls for NCIPC to develop and implement a plan to disseminate the report to key state decision-makers.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** In recent years there have been attempts in many states to repeal laws mandating motorcycle helmet use. Some of these attempts have been successful. A report by CDC would help focus public attention on data related to the effectiveness of motorcycle helmet laws, and would be useful for state injury prevention programs. State-specific data should be included in the report because state legislators are often most interested in data that pertains to their state, rather than national data.

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