

NEVADA GIRLS STATE  
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 8

Memorializes the 2013 session of the Nevada Legislature to enact legislation that will prevent possible traumatic brain/head injuries by allowing law enforcement agencies the right to fine and/or reprimand any athlete/motorist riding a bicycle, roller skates, scooter, moped, or any other mode of transportation, motorized or not, that is mounted upon wheels. The said rider, regardless of age, will be subject to disciplinary action in the even he/she is found in violation of the law on public property such as roads and sidewalks.

WHEREAS; At present, riders of all ages are left with debilitating injuries following blunt trauma upon the head due to a lack of protection; and

WHEREAS; Riders are often unaware of the possible damage to be done following a crash at even the lowest speed; and

WHEREAS; Improved technology has led to increased speed and risk-taking for riders of all sports; and

WHEREAS; Over the previous ten years, head-trauma-based emergency room visits have risen approximately 60 percent; and

WHEREAS; Critical injuries could be prevented while providing funds for law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS; Donations and charities would primarily cover helmet allotment to the underprivileged; and

WHEREAS; At present, Nevada law constitutes punishments for motorists and/or underage boaters in the event proper protection, such as seat belts or life vests, are not properly worn; and

WHEREAS; Riders should be given the same attention allotted to motorists and boaters; and

WHEREAS; Numerous states nationwide have enacted similar legislation and have shown increased helmet usage and a reduced number of head injuries; and

WHEREAS; States that have already enacted similar legislation have had very satisfactory results; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GIRLS STATE OF NEVADA, assembled in Carson City, July 6, 2012, that the 2013 session of the Nevada Legislature is hereby memorialized to enact legislation to mandate helmet usage statewide as a means of protection for its citizens, with the terms and conditions listed as above.