



## 1997 SENATE BILL 222

May 29, 1997 - Introduced by Senators RISSER, BURKE, COWLES, ROSENZWEIG and RUDE, cosponsored by Representatives R. YOUNG, URBAN, HANSON, NOTESTEIN and HANDRICK. Referred to Committee on Labor, Transportation and Financial Institutions.

1     **AN ACT to create** 346.79 (6) and 346.82 (3) of the statutes; **relating to:** the use  
2             of bicycle helmets and providing a penalty.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

This bill requires that whenever a person younger than 18 years of age (minor) is riding a bicycle upon a highway, bicycle lane or bicycle way, the person wear an approved bicycle helmet properly fastened to his or her head. The bill also:

1. Prohibits parents and guardians of minors from knowingly permitting a minor to ride or be a passenger on a bicycle without properly wearing an approved bicycle helmet.

2. Prohibits any person from renting or leasing a bicycle for the use of a minor unless the minor is in possession of an approved bicycle helmet.

3. Prohibits any person from selling a bicycle for the use of a minor without first ascertaining that the minor owns an approved bicycle helmet.

A violator may be required to forfeit not more than \$30, except that no forfeiture may be assessed against a parent, guardian or minor if the parent, guardian or minor provides proof that, within 30 days after the citation was issued, he or she purchased a helmet.

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*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

3             **SECTION 1.** 346.79 (6) of the statutes is created to read:

