



## 2001 SENATE BILL 113

March 28, 2001 - Introduced by Senators RISSER, BURKE and ROSENZWEIG, cosponsored by Representatives URBAN, BERCEAU, YOUNG, RILEY, J. LEHMAN, MILLER and MORRIS-TATUM. Referred to Committee on Human Services and Aging.

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 minor 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, the minor obtained a helmet for his or her regular use.

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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:

