

By: Representative Holden

To: Transportation

HOUSE BILL NO. 1441

1 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A MISDEMEANOR OFFENSE APPLICABLE TO  
2 PERSONS AGED 12 AND UNDER FOR FAILURE TO WEAR A BICYCLE HELMET AND  
3 PROVIDE A PENALTY THEREFOR; TO REQUIRE THAT NONMOTOR CYCLES SOLD  
4 FOR USE BY PERSONS AGED 12 AND UNDER TO BE SOLD WITH HELMETS; AND  
5 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

7 SECTION 1. (1) No person aged twelve (12) years and under  
8 shall operate or be a passenger on a bicycle on any public road,  
9 street or highway in this state without wearing a bicycle helmet.  
10 For the purpose of this section the term "bicycle helmet" means a  
11 piece of protective headgear which meets or exceeds the impact  
12 standards for bicycle helmets set by the American National  
13 Standards Institute (ANSI) or the Snell Memorial Foundation. Any  
14 person who violates this subsection shall be guilty of a  
15 misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined Twenty-five Dollars  
16 (\$25.00) for each violation.

17 (2) All nonmotorized cycles sold in the state for use by  
18 persons aged twelve (12) and under shall be sold with a bicycle  
19 helmet. Any person who violates this subsection shall be guilty  
20 of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not more than  
21 One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

22 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
23 and after July 1, 1999.