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Testimony to the House Transportation Committee

In support of Senate Bill 17

February 28th, 2019

Chairman Proehl and members of the House Transportation Committee,

Safe Kids Kansas is pleased to provide testimony in support of SB 17. Safe Kids Kansas is a nonprofit coalition of over 70 statewide organizations and businesses dedicated to preventing unintentional injuries and injury-related death to Kansas children ages 0-19.

As injury prevention specialists and safety advocates, we support this effort to close the loophole in the "M" endorsement on driver's licenses. About half of fatal motorcycle crashes occur with motorcyclists that do not have the "M" endorsement. Increased education and experience as a motorcycle operator leads to safer operation of the vehicle. Therefore, we believe motorcyclists must have this training and licensing before they are able to operate, eliminating a grace period.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony. We believe all children deserve the chance to grow up free from serious and disabling injuries. Should you have any questions on children's safety issues at any time, please feel free to contact Teresa Taylor at 785-231-4363.

Attachments:

Safe Kids Kansas Member Organizations (see back of this page)



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Safe Kids Kansas Member Organizations

AAA Allied Group
American Academy of Pediatrics – Kansas Chapter
Brain Injury Association of Kansas
Children’s Mercy Hospital
Child Care Aware of Kansas
Child Care Providers Together of Kansas
Eye Care Council
Dillon Stores
Fire and Burn Safety Alliance of South Central Kansas
Fire Education Association of Kansas
Fire Marshal’s Association of Kansas
Head Start State Collaboration Office/SRS
Huggable Images
HCC Fire Service Training Program
International Association of Arson Investigators -- Kansas Chapter
Kansas Academy of Family Practice Physicians
Kansas Action for Children
Kansas Association for Counties
Kansas Association of Local Health Departments
Kansas Association of Osteopathic Medicine
Kansas Association of School Boards
Kansas Board of Emergency Medical Services
Kansas Children’s Cabinet & Trust Fund
Kansas Chiropractic Association
Kansas Cooperative Extension 4-H
Kansas Dental Association
Kansas Department Health & Environment:
Bureau of Health Promotion
Bureau of Family Health
Bureau of Environmental Health
Kansas Department of Human Resources
Kansas Department of Transportation
Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks
Kansas District of Kiwanis International
Kansas Emergency Medical Services Association
Kansas Emergency Nurses Association
Kansas Farm Bureau
Kansas Healthy Start Home Visitors
Kansas Highway Patrol
Kansas Hospital Association
Kansas Insurance Department
Kansas MADD
Kansas Medical Society
Kansas Motor Carriers Association
Kansas National Education Association (KNEA)
Kansas Operation Lifesaver
Kansas Parent Teachers Association
Kansas Poison Control Center
Kansas Public Health Association
Kansas Recreation & Parks Association
Kansas Safe Routes to School Program
Kansas SADD
Kansas School Nurses Organization
Kansas State Association of Fire Chiefs
Kansas State Board of Education
Kansas State Child Death Review Board
Kansas State Fire Marshal’s Office
Kansas State Firefighters Association
Kansas State Nurses Association
Kansas Traffic Safety Resource Office
Kansas Trauma Program
Kansas Trial Lawyers Association
KIDS Network
KidsAndCars.com
Kansas University Medical Center (KUMC):
Burn Center
Emergency Services
Trauma Program
National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA) Regional Office
Office of the Governor
Safety & Health Council of Western MO & KS
State Capitol Area Fire Fighters Association
State Farm Insurance Companies
Stormont-Vail Regional Medical Center
United School Administrators of Kansas
Via Christi Hospital
St. Francis Burn Center
Trauma Center
Wesley Medical Center
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