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Introduced by M. of A. VANEL -- read once and referred to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to protective headwear requirements

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The section heading and subdivision 1 of section 1286 of the vehicle and traffic law, as added by section 10 of part XX of chapter 58 of the laws of 2020, are amended to read as follows:

Operators **and passengers** to wear protective headgear. 1. No person **under the age of** sixteen [~~or seventeen years of age~~] shall ride upon, propel or otherwise operate an electric scooter**, electric personal assistive mobility device, or bicycle with electric assist or be a passenger on such electric scooter, electric personal assistive mobility device, or bicycle with electric assist** unless such person is wearing a helmet meeting standards established by the commissioner pursuant to the provisions of subdivision two-a of section twelve hundred thirty-eight of this title. As used in this subdivision, wearing a helmet means having a properly fitting helmet fixed securely on the head of such wearer with the helmet straps securely fastened.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall have become a law.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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