



New South Wales

Road Rules Amendment (Helmets—Sikh Exemption) Bill 2024

Explanatory note

This explanatory note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament.

Overview of Bill

The object of this Bill is to amend the *Road Rules 2014* to exempt a follower of the Sikh religion who is wearing a turban from the requirement to wear an approved helmet while riding a motor bike, electric scooter or bicycle.

Outline of provisions

Clause 1 sets out the name, also called the short title, of the proposed Act.

Clause 2 provides for the commencement of the proposed Act on the date of assent to the proposed Act.

Schedule 1 Amendment of Road Rules 2014

Schedule 1 gives effect to the object of the proposed Act. The exemption applies to all riders of electric scooters and bicycles.

The exemption applies to a motorcycle rider only if the rider is at least 18 years old and is not the holder of a learner licence or a provisional P1 or P2 licence.



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This PUBLIC BILL, originated in the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL and, having this day passed, is now ready for presentation to the LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY for its concurrence.

Legislative Council

Clerk of the Parliaments



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No. _____, 2024

A Bill for

An Act to amend the *Road Rules 2014* to exempt a follower of the Sikh religion who is wearing a turban from the requirement to wear an approved helmet while riding a motor bike, electric scooter or bicycle; and for related purposes.

The LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY has this day agreed to this Bill with/without amendment.

Legislative Assembly

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

The Legislature of New South Wales enacts—

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1 Name of Act

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This Act is the *Road Rules Amendment (Helmets—Sikh Exemption) Act 2024*.

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2 Commencement

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This Act commences on the date of assent to this Act.

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Schedule 1	Amendment of Road Rules 2014	1
[1]	Rule 256 Bicycle helmets	2
	Insert after rule 256(3)—	3
	(3–1) This rule does not apply to a follower of the Sikh religion who is wearing a turban.	4
	Note— This subrule is an additional NSW subrule. There is no corresponding subrule in the <i>Australian Road Rules</i> , rule 256.	5
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[2]	Rule 262–9 NSW rule: Wearing of bicycle helmets	8
	Insert before rule 262–9, Note 1—	9
	(2) This rule does not apply to a follower of the Sikh religion who is wearing a turban.	10
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[3]	Rule 270 Wearing motor bike helmets	12
	Insert after rule 270(3)—	13
	(3–1) Subrule (1) does not apply to a follower of the Sikh religion who is—	14
	(a) wearing a turban, and	15
	(b) at least 18 years old, and	16
	(c) not the holder of a learner licence or a provisional P1 or P2 licence.	17
	Note— This subrule is an additional NSW subrule. There is no corresponding subrule in the <i>Australian Road Rules</i> , rule 270.	18
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