

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 20, 2015

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 9, 2015

**SENATE BILL**

**No. 192**

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**Introduced by Senator Liu**

February 10, 2015

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An act to add and repeal Section ~~21213~~ 21212.5 of the Vehicle Code, relating to bicycles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 192, as amended, Liu. Bicycles: helmets.

Existing law prohibits a person under 18 years of age from operating a bicycle, riding on a bicycle as a passenger, or riding in a trailer towed by a bicycle unless the person is wearing a bicycle helmet meeting specified standards. A violation of those provisions is an infraction punishable by a fine of not more than \$25.

This bill would require the Office of Traffic ~~Study~~, *Safety*, in coordination with the Department of the California Highway Patrol, to conduct a comprehensive study of bicycle helmet use, including specified information, and to report the study's findings to the Senate Committee on Transportation and Housing and the Assembly Committee on Transportation by January 1, 2017.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section ~~21213~~21212.5 is added to the Vehicle
- 2 Code, to read:

1     ~~21213.~~  
2     21212.5. (a) The Office of Traffic—~~Study~~, *Safety*, in  
3 coordination with the department, shall conduct a comprehensive  
4 study of bicycle helmet use, including, but not limited to,  
5 determining the percentage of California bicyclists who do not  
6 wear helmets, and the fatalities or serious injuries that could have  
7 been avoided if helmets had been worn. A report of the study's  
8 findings shall be submitted to the Senate Committee on  
9 Transportation and Housing and the Assembly Committee on  
10 Transportation by January 1, 2017.  
11     (b) Pursuant to Section 10231.5 of the Government Code, this  
12 section is repealed on January, 1, 2021.