By Senator Sebesta

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1   A bill to be entitled

2   An act relating to motorcycles; amending s.

3   316.211, F.S.; requiring an insurance decal on

4   specified license plates; authorizing law

5   enforcement to stop persons riding a motorcycle

6   without protective headgear to show proof of

7   compliance with specified insurance

8   requirements; providing penalties; providing an

9   effective date.

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11   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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13   Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section

14   316.211, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

15   316.211 Equipment for motorcycle and moped riders.--

16   (3)

17   (b) Notwithstanding subsection (1), a person over 21

18   years of age may operate or ride upon a motorcycle without

19   wearing protective headgear securely fastened upon his or her

20   head if such person has a valid insurance decal, issued by the

21   Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles or its

22   authorized agents, affixed to the license plate of the

23   motorcycle indicating that the person is covered by an

24   insurance policy providing for at least $10,000 in medical

25   benefits for injuries incurred as a result of a crash while

26   operating or riding on a motorcycle. A law enforcement officer

27   may stop any person operating or riding upon a motorcycle

28   without wearing protective headgear securely fastened upon his

29   or her head and may ask that person to show proof of

30   compliance with the insurance requirements of this paragraph

31   when a valid insurance decal is not affixed to the license

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1 plate of the motorcycle. If that person does not show proof of

2 compliance he or she is subject to punishment in accordance

3 with subsection (6).

4   Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2001.

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7   SENATE SUMMARY

8 Requires valid insurance decals on license plates of
   motorcycles whose riders do not wear protective headgear.
9 Authorizes law enforcement officers to stop persons
   riding without protective headgear to show proof of
10 compliance with insurance requirements when a valid
   insurance decal is not affixed to the license plate.

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