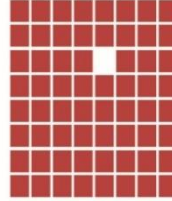


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RE: **OPPOSE** – House Bill 293 – *Vehicle Laws – Mopeds and Motor Scooters – Protective Headgear*

The Maryland State Medical Society (MedChi) and the American College of Emergency Physicians, Maryland Chapter (MDACEP), submit this letter of **opposition** for House Bill 293.

House Bill 293 proposes to make certain exceptions to the current moped and motor scooter helmet law provided an individual is at least 18 years old. The opponents to Maryland's helmet laws have tried to repeal the requirements for a number of years under different proposed iterations and exceptions, to no avail. House Bill 293 is clearly aimed at the same objective but limited to mopeds and motor scooters.

There is no ambiguity in the data related to the benefits of mandatory helmet laws. In Maryland, the incidence of injury and death decreased dramatically following the passage of the current helmet requirements. No benefit can be gained by putting individuals at risk just because they are at least 18 years old. MedChi and MDACEP urge an unfavorable report.

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