



**TESTIMONY OF
CONNECTICUT HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION
SUBMITTED TO THE
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
Friday, February 28, 2020**

**SB 148, An Act Requiring The Use Of Helmets By Motorcycle Operators And
Passengers Under Twenty-One Years Of Age**

The Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA) appreciates this opportunity to submit testimony concerning **SB 148, An Act Requiring The Use Of Helmets By Motorcycle Operators And Passengers Under Twenty-One Years Of Age**. CHA supports this bill.

Before commenting on this bill, it is important to point out that Connecticut hospitals and health systems provide high quality care for everyone, regardless of their ability to pay, and work to improve the health of those who live in our communities. Supporting Connecticut's hospitals strengthens our healthcare system and our economy.

As part of their mission, hospitals seek to remedy illness and prevent life-threatening injuries before they happen. All too often, healthcare providers in Connecticut's hospitals see firsthand the impact of injury due to the lack of proper helmet use. All brain injuries are traumatic and can cause life-long disability and impairment. Requiring the use of helmets by motorcycle operators and passengers under twenty-one years of age would go a long way to improving the health and well-being of countless Connecticut residents.

Thank you for your consideration of our position. For additional information, contact CHA Government Relations at (203) 294-7310.