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Explanatory Note

The use of bicycles does a lot of good for the commuters. The use of non-motorized means of commuting such as bicycling is environment-friendly and more-affordable. It instills health consciousness among people, increases physical fitness, provides affordable mobility, alleviated traffic congestion, and does not pollute the air or emit climate-disrupting carbon monoxide.

An increasing number of bicycle riders around the world benefit from the protective effect of bicycle safety helmets. While helmets do not prevent accidents from happening, they are extremely effective in reducing the severity of head injuries when they do occur. Statistics from the Insurance Institute from Highway Safety show that the promotion of helmet use reduces the risk of bicycle-related head injury by 85 percent and can effectively reduce the occurrence of brain damage by 63 to 83 percent.

In the United States of America and China, where the use of bicycle helmet is strongly urged, helmet use proved to lower the prevalence of bicycle-related head injuries. In New York City, helmet use among bicyclists who incurred serious injuries and died due to accident went to a down historical low at 13 percent, and 3 percent respectively.

In recognition that helmet use is important to protect the lives and limbs of all bicycle riders of all ages, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



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- 1 3. develop and administer a program to educate individuals and their families on the
- 2 importance of wearing such helmets in order to improve bicycle safety; or
- 3 4. carry out any combination of the activities described above.

4 The Secretary shall review grant applicants for compliance with this section prior to awarding
5 grants.

6 **SEC. 4. *Standards.*** Bicycle helmet manufactured nine (9) months or more after the
7 date of the enactment of this Act shall conform to a standard as established by DOTC, otherwise,
8 it shall be considered in violation of a consumer product safety promulgated by the Bureau of
9 Trade Regulation and Consumer Protection of the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI).

10 **SEC. 5. *Authorization of Appropriations.*** The amount necessary to carry out the
11 provisions of this Act shall be provided out of the savings from the appropriations of the DOTC
12 for the current year. Thereafter, the sum necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be
13 appropriated in the annual appropriations of the DOTC.

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15 **SEC. 6. *Separability Clause.*** Should any part or provision of this Act is declared
16 invalid or unconstitutional for any purpose, none of the other parts or provisions hereof shall be
17 affected.

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19 **SEC. 7. *Repealing Clause.*** All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or parts
20 thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

1 SEC. 8. *Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days upon its
2 publication in at least two (2) general newspapers of national circulation.

Approved,