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(Neb.)-Nebraska Motorcycle Helmet Bill Will Get Another Ride

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LINCOLN, Nebraska (AP) - An effort to repeal Nebraska's motorcycle-helmet law will get another ride in the Legislature.

A new crop of lawmakers are slated to debate the bill, which has failed in past years. The Legislature's Transportation and Telecommunications Committee advanced the bill in March on a 5 to 3 vote.

Senator Dave Bloomfield of Hoskins has chosen the measure as his priority bill for the session, increasing the odds that it will get debated this year. Lawmakers are set to adjourn on June 5, but Bloomfield says he'll continue to push for the bill if it's held over until next year.

Omaha motorcyclist Scott Lucey says many riders avoid Nebraska because it requires helmets, while all of its border states except for Missouri do not.

Medical and traffic-safety groups oppose the bill.