

**A STUDY ON THE MOTORCYCLE HELMETS LAWS IN ENSURING  
THE COMPLIANCE OF PROPER SAFETY HELMET USAGE IN  
MALAYSIA**

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## **ABSTRACT**

From the literature review as well as the background of this proposal, it is apparent that the question on the enforcement of the Motorcycles (Safety Helmets) (Amendment) Rules 2010 is still lacking in maintaining the safety standards of helmets used by the motorcyclist in Malaysia. These rules were made by the minister by virtue of Section 88 of the Road Transport Act 1987. The law can only be effectively addressed by carefully examining the strength and the weaknesses of the current enforcement to identify the gaps that need to be filled. This study sets out to discover the issue of the safety standards of helmets used by the motorcyclist and the enforcement of the law itself in Malaysia. There are lacks of enforcement by the authority on this matter and we found that it may be fixed in order to strengthen the safety of the motorcyclist in Malaysia.

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# **CHAPTER ONE**

## **INTRODUCTION TO THE RESEARCH**

### **1.0 Introduction**

This paper aims to examine the enforcement of Motorcycles (Safety Helmets) (Amendment) Rules 2010 in ensuring the compliance of proper safety helmets usage in Malaysia. The structure of this paper begins with a background that explains the problem of lack of application of the law relating to motorcycle helmets in Malaysia. Next, we will deal with the research question and research objectives of this research. We would then take a look on the scope of this paper whereby it will define the context that this paper wishes to address. This will be followed by the methodology of this research, whereby we will explain the methods adopted by us in completing this proposal. We would then go to the next part of the paper whereby the limitation and significance of this study are explained. Then, we would go to the next part of the paper whereby we will discuss on the literature review where it would be divided into three frameworks which is, the conceptual framework, legal framework, and theoretical framework. This will be followed by our conclusion and list of references which are used in preparing the research proposal. Lastly, the research plan is attached as an appendix to indicate our timeline in completing this proposal.

### **1.2 Background**

In Malaysia, the law relating to motorcycle helmets is governed under Motorcycles (Safety Helmets) (Amendment) Rules 2010. Under this law the motorcyclists helmets must comply with safety and quality requirements of the Malaysian Standards MS 1:1969, which later replaced by