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LOCAL LAW NO. 6 - 2001

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING LOCAL LAW NO. 4-2000 TO FURTHER REQUIRE PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN TO WEAR A HELMET WHILE OPERATING, RIDING, SKATING OR GLIDING ON A SKATEBOARD OR SCOOTER

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF ONONDAGA, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. PURPOSE: State Law requires persons under fourteen years of age to wear a helmet while riding a bicycle or in-line skating. By Local Law No. 4-2000, this Onondaga County Legislature extended that helmet requirement to persons under eighteen years of age. The purpose of this local law is to further protect the health, safety and welfare of the public by amending Local Law No. 4-2000 to require persons under the age of eighteen to wear a helmet while riding a skateboard or scooter in Onondaga County.

Section 2. Section 4 of Local Law No. 4 hereby is amended to provide as follows:

No person fourteen or more years of age and less than eighteen years of age shall operate or ride a bicycle or skate or glide on in-line skates in Onondaga County unless such person is wearing a helmet meeting the standards set by the New York State Commissioner of Motor Vehicles. No person less than eighteen years of age shall operate, ride, skate or glide on a skateboard or scooter in Onondaga County unless such person is wearing a helmet meeting the standards set by the New York State Commissioner of Motor Vehicles. For the purposes of this local law, wearing a helmet means having a properly fitting helmet fastened securely upon the head of the wearer with the helmet straps securely fastened.

The failure of any person to comply with the provisions of this local law shall not constitute contributory negligence or assumption of risk, and shall not in any way bar, preclude or foreclose an action for personal injury or wrongful death by or on behalf of such person, nor in any way diminish or reduce damages recoverable in any such action.

Section 3. Except as amended herein, Local Law No. 4-2000 shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. This local law shall take effect June 1, 2001.

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