**The Senate Minute: Digital Audio File Script on SB 851**

Missouri’s helmet laws are revisited.

[Senate Bill 851](http://www.senate.mo.gov/16info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=23921944) would allow qualified motorcycle riders to ride without protective headgear, under certain conditions.

The proposal is sponsored by Sen. Dan Brown of Rolla…

**Brown 1 / Runs :10 / OC: this thing go?**

*“We probably aren’t going to ever legislate common sense or morality in this building. So, I think this — kind of — falls under that category. You know, how far does this thing go?”*

During discussion, Sen. Maria Chappelle-Nadal of University City mentioned Missouri already has some laws — similar to the helmet rules — in place…

**Chappelle-Nadal 2 / Runs :12 / OC: old you look.**

*“For texting and driving, we profile, unless that law has changed and I haven’t recognized it. The law that we have on the books, when it comes to driving and texting, we’re profiling — based on how old you look.”*

Senate Bill 851 was heard in the Missouri Senate [Transportation, Infrastructure and Public Safety Committee](http://www.senate.mo.gov/TRAN/) on Wednesday morning.

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