

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SENATE BILL 5041

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Yeas 45 Nays 0

President of the Senate

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Yeas 95 Nays 0

**Speaker of the
House of Representatives**

Approved

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Gordon Golob, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SENATE BILL 5041** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

Secretary

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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By Senators Sellar, Owen, Patterson, West, Vognild, Bauer and Thorsness.

Read first time January 17, 1991. Referred to Committee on Transportation.

1 AN ACT Relating to the use of Washington state patrol approved
2 audio headsets and earphones by motorcyclists; and amending RCW
3 46.37.480.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.37.480 and 1988 c 227 s 6 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (1) No person shall drive any motor vehicle equipped with any
8 television viewer, screen, or other means of visually receiving a
9 television broadcast which is located in the motor vehicle at any point
10 forward of the back of the driver's seat, or which is visible to the
11 driver while operating the motor vehicle.

12 (2) No person shall operate any motor vehicle on a public highway
13 while wearing any headset or earphones connected to any electronic
14 device capable of receiving a radio broadcast or playing a sound

1 recording for the purpose of transmitting a sound to the human auditory
2 senses and which headset or earphones muffle or exclude other sounds.
3 This subsection does not apply to students and instructors
4 participating in a Washington state motorcycle safety program.

5 (3) This section does not apply to authorized emergency vehicles or
6 to motorcyclists wearing a helmet with built-in headsets or earphones
7 as approved by the Washington state patrol.