

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## SHB 1267

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As Passed House  
January 24, 1994

**Title:** An act relating to liability insurance for motorcycles.

**Brief Description:** Requiring liability insurance for motorcycles.

**Sponsors:** By House Committee on Financial Institutions & Insurance (originally sponsored by Representatives Zellinsky, Mielke, Dorn, Scott, Reams, R. Meyers, Dellwo, Sheldon, Eide, King, Franklin, L. Johnson and Springer.)

**Brief History:**

Reported by House Committee on:  
Financial Institutions & Insurance, January 28, 1993,  
DPS;  
Passed House, February 19, 1993, 93-1;  
Passed House, January 24, 1994, 87-3.

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### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & INSURANCE

**Majority Report:** The substitute bill be substituted therefor and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by 14 members: Representatives Zellinsky, Chair; Scott, Vice Chair; Mielke, Ranking Minority Member; Dyer, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Dellwo; Grant; R. Johnson; Kessler; Kremen; Lemmon; R. Meyers; Reams; Schmidt; and Tate.

**Staff:** John Conniff (786-7119).

**Background:** In 1991, the Legislature adopted a mandatory automobile liability insurance law requiring owners and operators of motor vehicles to obtain and maintain a liability insurance policy in the amount of \$25,000 per person for bodily injury, \$50,000 per accident for bodily injury, and \$10,000 per accident for property damage. Motorcycles, motor driven cycles, and mopeds were excluded from the mandatory insurance requirements.

**Summary of Bill:** Auto insurance is required only for motor vehicles operated on public roads. The state mandatory automobile insurance law exclusion for motorcycles, motor driven cycles, and mopeds is repealed. Owners and operators

of these types of vehicles are required to obtain motor vehicle liability insurance.

**Fiscal Note:** Requested January 28, 1993.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

**Testimony For:** None.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Witnesses:** None.