

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## SB 5358

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Eliminating motorcycle handlebar height restrictions.

**Sponsors:** Senators Benton, Snyder, Shin, Patterson, Costa, Rasmussen, Finkbeiner, Swecker, T. Sheldon, Sellar, Haugen, Hochstatter, Zarelli, Jacobsen, Heavey, Gardner, Prentice, Rossi, Horn and Stevens.

**Senate Committee on Transportation**

**House Committee on Transportation**

**Background:** The maximum height for motorcycle handlebars or grips was established in 1967 at no more than 15 inches higher than the seat or saddle. One of two standards is usually used by the states in establishing the maximum height of the handlebars: (1) a maximum number of inches high measured from the seat, or (2) established at a height that is no higher than the shoulders of the operator.

**Summary:** The height restriction for motorcycle handlebars is increased from 15 inches to 30 inches.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

Senate	44	0	
House	91	0	(House amended)
Senate	47	0	(Senate concurred)

**Effective:** July 25, 1999