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By House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives D. Sommers, Wood, Benson, Schindler and Gombosky)

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1 AN ACT Relating to traffic safety; and amending RCW 43.59.150,
2 46.52.070, and 46.20.305.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.59.150 and 1998 c 165 s 3 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The Washington state traffic safety commission shall establish
7 a program for improving bicycle and pedestrian safety, and shall
8 cooperate with the stakeholders and independent representatives to form
9 an advisory committee to develop programs and create public private
10 partnerships which promote bicycle and pedestrian safety. The traffic
11 safety commission shall periodically report and make recommendations to
12 the legislative transportation committee (~~((and the fiscal committees of~~
13 ~~the house of representatives and the senate by December 1, 1998,~~
14 ~~regarding the conclusions of the advisory))~~ on the progress of the
15 bicycle and pedestrian safety committee.

16 (2) The bicycle and pedestrian safety account is created in the
17 state treasury to support bicycle and pedestrian education programs.
18 (~~((To the extent that private contributions are received by the traffic~~
19 ~~safety commission for the purposes of bicycle and pedestrian safety~~

1 ~~programs established under this section, the appropriations from the~~
2 ~~highway safety account for this purpose shall lapse.))~~

3 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.52.070 and 1998 c 165 s 8 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 (1) Any police officer of the state of Washington or of any county,
6 city, town or other political subdivision, present at the scene of any
7 accident or in possession of any facts concerning any accident whether
8 by way of official investigation or otherwise shall make report thereof
9 in the same manner as required of the parties to such accident and as
10 fully as the facts in his possession concerning such accident will
11 permit.

12 (2) The police officer shall report to the department, on a form
13 prescribed by the director: (a) When ~~((an accident))~~ a collision has
14 occurred that results in a fatality ~~((or serious injury))~~; and (b) the
15 identity of the operator of a vehicle involved in the ~~((accident))~~
16 collision when the officer has reasonable grounds to believe the
17 operator ~~((who))~~ caused the ~~((fatality or serious injury may not be~~
18 ~~competent to operate a motor vehicle; and (c) the reason or reasons for~~
19 ~~such belief))~~ collision.

20 (3) The police officer shall report to the department, on a form
21 prescribed by the director: (a) When a collision has occurred that
22 results in a serious injury; (b) the identity of the operator of a
23 vehicle involved in the collision when the officer has reasonable
24 grounds to believe the operator who caused the serious injury may not
25 be competent to operate a motor vehicle; and (c) the reason or reasons
26 for the officer's belief.

27 **Sec. 3.** RCW 46.20.305 and 1998 c 165 s 13 are each amended to read
28 as follows:

29 (1) The department, having good cause to believe that a licensed
30 driver is incompetent or otherwise not qualified to be licensed may
31 upon notice require him or her to submit to an examination.

32 (2) The department shall require a driver reported under RCW
33 46.52.070(2), when a fatality occurred, to submit to an examination.
34 The examination must be completed no later than one hundred twenty days
35 after the accident report required under RCW 46.52.070(2) is received
36 by the department unless the department, at the request of the
37 operator, extends the time for examination.

1 (3) The department may require a driver reported under RCW
2 46.52.070(~~(2)~~) (3) to submit to an examination, or suspend the
3 person's license subject to RCW 46.20.322, when a serious injury
4 occurred. The examination must be completed no later than one hundred
5 twenty days after the accident report required under RCW
6 46.52.070(~~(2)~~) (3) is received by the department.

7 (4) The department may in addition to an examination under this
8 section require such person to obtain a certificate showing his or her
9 condition signed by a licensed physician or other proper authority
10 designated by the department.

11 (5) Upon the conclusion of an examination under this section the
12 department shall take driver improvement action as may be appropriate
13 and may suspend or revoke the license of such person or permit him or
14 her to retain such license, or may issue a license subject to
15 restrictions as permitted under RCW 46.20.041. The department may
16 suspend or revoke the license of such person who refuses or neglects to
17 submit to such examination.

18 (6) The department may require payment of a fee by a person subject
19 to examination under this section. The department shall set the fee in
20 an amount that is sufficient to cover the additional cost of
21 administering examinations required by this section.

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