
HOUSE BILL 1971

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

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~~
12 ~~recommendations))~~ to the legislative transportation committee ~~((and the~~
13 ~~fiscal committees of the house of representatives and the senate by~~
14 ~~December 1, 1998, regarding the conclusions of the advisory))~~ on the
15 progress of the 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.

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