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1 AN ACT Relating to motorcycle equipment; and amending RCW 46.37.530  
2 and 46.37.535.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.37.530 and 1997 c 328 s 4 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 ~~((1))~~ It is unlawful:

7 ~~((a))~~ (1) For any person to operate a motorcycle or motor-driven  
8 cycle not equipped with mirrors on the left and right sides of the  
9 motorcycle which shall be so located as to give the driver a complete  
10 view of the highway for a distance of at least two hundred feet to the  
11 rear of the motorcycle or motor-driven cycle: PROVIDED, That mirrors  
12 shall not be required on any motorcycle or motor-driven cycle over  
13 twenty-five years old originally manufactured without mirrors and which  
14 has been restored to its original condition ~~((and which is being ridden  
15 to or from or otherwise in conjunction with an antique or classic  
16 motorcycle contest, show, or other such assemblage: PROVIDED FURTHER,  
17 That))~~. No mirror is required on any motorcycle manufactured prior to  
18 January 1, 1931;

1       ~~((b))~~ (2) For any person to operate a motorcycle or motor-driven  
2 cycle which does not have a windshield unless wearing glasses, goggles,  
3 or a face shield ~~((of a type conforming to rules adopted by the state  
4 patrol))~~;

5       ~~((c))~~ (3) For any person under the age of twenty-one years to  
6 operate or ride upon a motorcycle, motor-driven cycle, or moped on a  
7 state highway, county road, or city street unless wearing upon his or  
8 her head a commercially manufactured protective motorcycle helmet ~~((of  
9 a type conforming to rules adopted by the state patrol))~~ except when  
10 the vehicle is (a) an antique motor-driven cycle ~~((or))~~ at least  
11 twenty-five years old, (b) an automobile that is licensed as a  
12 motorcycle, or ~~((when the vehicle is))~~ (c) equipped with seat belts and  
13 roll bars ~~((approved by the state patrol))~~. The motorcycle helmet must  
14 be equipped with either a neck or chin strap which shall be fastened  
15 securely while the motorcycle or motor-driven cycle is in motion.  
16 Persons operating electric-assisted bicycles shall comply with all laws  
17 and regulations related to the use of bicycle helmets;

18       ~~((d))~~ (4) For any person to transport a child under the age of  
19 five on a motorcycle or motor-driven cycle(;

20       ~~(e) For any person to sell or offer for sale a motorcycle helmet  
21 which does not meet the requirements established by the state patrol.~~

22       ~~(2) The state patrol is hereby authorized and empowered to adopt  
23 and amend rules, pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act,  
24 concerning the standards and procedures for conformance of rules  
25 adopted for glasses, goggles, face shields, and protective helmets))~~.

26       **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.37.535 and 1990 c 270 s 8 are each amended to read  
27 as follows:

28       It is unlawful for any person to rent out motorcycles, motor-driven  
29 cycles, or mopeds unless the person also has commercially manufactured  
30 motorcycle helmets on hand for rent ~~((helmets of a type conforming to  
31 rules adopted by the state patrol))~~.

32       It shall be unlawful for any person under the age of twenty-one  
33 years to rent a motorcycle, motor-driven cycle, or moped unless the  
34 person has in his or her possession a commercially manufactured  
35 motorcycle helmet ~~((of a type approved by the state patrol, regardless  
36 of from whom the helmet is obtained))~~.

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