
SENATE BILL 5824

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By Senator Kohl-Welles

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1 AN ACT Relating to children on motorcycles; and amending RCW
2 46.37.530.

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

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

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

15 (d) For any person to transport a child under the age of ~~((five))~~
16 ten on a motorcycle or motor-driven cycle unless the motorcycle or
17 motor-driven cycle:

18 (i) Has three wheels;

19 (ii) Is powered by an electric motor;

20 (iii) Has a full body enclosed cab; and

21 (iv) Has a seat belt assembly or a child restraint system for the
22 driver and passenger and the operator and passengers use the seat belt
23 or child restraint system;

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

26 (2) The state patrol is hereby authorized and empowered to adopt
27 and amend rules, pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act,
28 concerning the standards and procedures for conformance of rules
29 adopted for glasses, goggles, face shields, and protective helmets.

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