
HOUSE BILL 1010

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1 AN ACT Relating to motorcycle equipment; and amending RCW
2 46.37.530 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-
8 driven cycle not equipped with mirrors on the left and right sides
9 of the motorcycle which shall be so located as to give the driver
10 a complete view of the highway for a distance of at least two
11 hundred feet to the rear of the motorcycle or motor-driven cycle:
12 PROVIDED, That mirrors shall not be required on any motorcycle or
13 motor-driven cycle over twenty-five years old originally
14 manufactured without mirrors and which has been restored to its
15 original condition ~~((and which is being ridden to or from or
16 otherwise in conjunction with an antique or classic motorcycle
17 contest, show, or other such assemblage: PROVIDED FURTHER,~~

1 That)). No mirror is required on any motorcycle manufactured prior
2 to January 1, 1931;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

37 It shall be unlawful for any person to rent a motorcycle, motor-

1 driven cycle, or moped unless the person has in his or her
2 possession a commercially manufactured motorcycle helmet ((~~of a~~
3 ~~type approved by the state patrol, regardless of from whom the~~
4 ~~helmet is obtained~~)).

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