
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5986

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By Senate Committee on Highways & Transportation (originally sponsored by Senator West)

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1 AN ACT Relating to vehicles driven side by side in a single lane;
2 amending RCW 46.61.608; and adding a new section to chapter 46.04 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 46.04 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 "Ultrannarrow vehicle" means a vehicle having a maximum width of
7 forty-two inches from mirror to mirror.

8 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.61.608 and 1975 c 62 s 46 are each amended to read
9 as follows:

10 (1) All motorcycles and ultrannarrow vehicles are entitled to full
11 use of a lane and no motor vehicle shall be driven in such a manner as
12 to deprive any motorcycle or ultrannarrow vehicle of the full use of a
13 lane. This subsection shall not apply to motorcycles or ultrannarrow
14 vehicles operated two abreast in a single lane, under subsection (4) of
15 this section.

16 (2) The operator of a motorcycle or ultrannarrow vehicle shall not
17 overtake and pass in the same lane occupied by the vehicle being
18 overtaken.

1 (3) No person shall operate a motorcycle or ultranarrow vehicle
2 between lanes of traffic or between adjacent lines or rows of vehicles.

3 (4) Motorcycles (~~shall not~~) and ultranarrow vehicles may be
4 operated (~~more than~~) up to two abreast in a single lane.

5 (5) Subsections (2) and (3) of this section shall not apply to
6 police officers in the performance of their official duties.

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