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1 AN ACT Relating to motorcycle safety training curriculum; amending  
2 RCW 46.82.420; and adding a new section to chapter 28A.220 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 28A.220  
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 The superintendent of public instruction shall include information  
7 on motorcycle awareness, approved by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation,  
8 in instructional material used in traffic safety education courses, to  
9 ensure new operators of motor vehicles have been instructed in the  
10 importance of safely sharing the road with motorcyclists.

11 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.82.420 and 1991 c 217 s 3 are each amended to read  
12 as follows:

13 The advisory committee shall compile and furnish to each qualifying  
14 applicant for an instructor's license or a driver training school  
15 license a basic minimum required curriculum. The basic minimum  
16 required curriculum shall also include (1) information on the effects  
17 of alcohol and drug use on motor vehicle operators, including  
18 information on drug and alcohol related traffic injury and mortality

1 rates in the state of Washington(~~(, and)~~); (2) current penalties for  
2 driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol; and (3) information on  
3 motorcycle awareness, approved by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation, to  
4 ensure new operators of motor vehicles have been instructed in the  
5 importance of safely sharing the road with motorcyclists. Should the  
6 director be presented with acceptable proof that any licensed  
7 instructor or driver training school is not showing proper diligence in  
8 teaching such basic minimum curriculum as required, the instructor or  
9 school shall be required to appear before the advisory committee and  
10 show cause why the license of the instructor or school should not be  
11 revoked for such negligence. If the committee does not accept such  
12 reasons as may be offered, the director may revoke the license of the  
13 instructor or school, or both.

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