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By Representatives Buri, Clibborn, Nixon, Cox, Serben, Kristiansen, Jarrett, Kilmer, Wallace, Woods, Moeller and Kretz

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1 AN ACT Relating to limiting the posting of hazards to motorcycles  
2 to paved roadways; and reenacting and amending RCW 47.36.200.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 47.36.200 and 2003 c 355 s 1 and 2003 c 53 s 258 are  
5 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

6 (1) When construction, repair, or maintenance work is conducted on  
7 or adjacent to a public highway, county road, street, bridge, or other  
8 thoroughfare commonly traveled and when the work interferes with the  
9 normal and established mode of travel on the highway, county road,  
10 street, bridge, or thoroughfare, the location shall be properly posted  
11 by prominently displayed signs or flagmen or both. Signs used for  
12 posting in such an area shall be consistent with the provisions found  
13 in the state of Washington "Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices  
14 for Streets and Highways" obtainable from the department of  
15 transportation.

16 (2) If the construction, repair, or maintenance work includes or  
17 uses grooved pavement, abrupt lane edges, steel plates, or gravel or  
18 earth surfaces, the construction, repair, or maintenance zone must be  
19 posted with signs stating the condition, as required by current law,

1 and in addition, must warn motorcyclists of the potential hazard only  
2 if the hazard or condition exists on a paved public highway, county  
3 road, street, bridge, or other thoroughfare commonly traveled. For the  
4 purposes of this subsection, the department shall adopt by rule a  
5 uniform sign or signs for this purpose, including at least the  
6 following language, "MOTORCYCLES USE EXTREME CAUTION."

7 (3) Any contractor, firm, corporation, political subdivision, or  
8 other agency performing such work shall comply with this section.

9 (4) Each driver of a motor vehicle used in connection with such  
10 construction, repair, or maintenance work shall obey traffic signs  
11 posted for, and flaggers stationed at such location in the same manner  
12 and under the same restrictions as is required for the driver of any  
13 other vehicle.

14 (5) A violation of or a failure to comply with this section is a  
15 misdemeanor. Each day upon which there is a violation, or there is a  
16 failure to comply, constitutes a separate violation.

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