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By Representatives Hudgins, Lovick and Dickerson; by request of Washington State Patrol, Department of Licensing and Washington Traffic Safety Commission

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1 AN ACT Relating to motorcycle driver's license endorsement and
2 education; and amending RCW 46.20.505, 46.81A.020, 46.82.420, and
3 28A.220.080.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.20.505 and 2003 c 41 s 2 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 Every person applying for a special endorsement of a driver's
8 license authorizing such person to drive a two or three-wheeled
9 motorcycle or a motor-driven cycle shall pay a fee of five dollars,
10 which is not refundable. In addition, the endorsement fee for the
11 initial motorcycle endorsement shall not exceed ten dollars, and the
12 subsequent renewal endorsement fee shall not exceed twenty-five
13 dollars, unless the endorsement is renewed or extended for a period
14 other than five years, in which case the subsequent renewal endorsement
15 fee shall not exceed five dollars for each year that the endorsement is
16 renewed or extended. ((The initial and renewal endorsement)) Fees
17 collected under this section shall be deposited in the motorcycle
18 safety education account of the highway safety fund.

1 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.81A.020 and 2003 c 41 s 5 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

3 (1) The director shall administer and enforce the law pertaining to
4 the motorcycle skills education program as set forth in this chapter.

5 (2) The director may adopt and enforce reasonable rules that are
6 consistent with this chapter.

7 (3) The director shall revise the Washington motorcycle safety
8 program to:

9 (a) Institute separate novice and advanced motorcycle skills
10 education courses for both two-wheeled and three-wheeled motorcycles
11 that are each a minimum of eight hours and no more than sixteen hours
12 at a cost of (i) no more than fifty dollars for Washington state
13 residents under the age of eighteen, and (ii) no more than one hundred
14 twenty-five dollars for Washington state residents who are eighteen
15 years of age or older and military personnel of any age stationed in
16 Washington state;

17 (b) Encourage the use of loaned or used motorcycles for use in the
18 motorcycle skills education course if the instructor approves them;

19 (c) Require all instructors for two-wheeled motorcycles to conduct
20 at least three classes in a one-year period, and all instructors for
21 three-wheeled motorcycles to conduct at least one class in a one-year
22 period, to maintain their teaching eligibility((÷

23 ~~(d) Encourage the use of radio or intercom equipped helmets when,~~
24 ~~in the opinion of the instructor, radio or intercom equipped helmets~~
25 ~~improve the quality of instruction)).~~

26 (4) The department may enter into agreements to review and certify
27 that a private motorcycle skills education course meets educational
28 standards equivalent to those required of courses conducted under the
29 motorcycle skills education program. An agreement entered into under
30 this subsection must provide that the department may conduct periodic
31 audits to ensure that educational standards continue to meet those
32 required for courses conducted under the motorcycle skills education
33 program, and that the costs of the review, certification, and audit
34 process will be borne by the party seeking certification.

35 (5) The department shall obtain and compile information from
36 applicants for a motorcycle endorsement regarding whether they have
37 completed a state approved or certified motorcycle skills education
38 course.

1 **Sec. 3.** RCW 46.82.420 and 2006 c 219 s 12 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

3 (1) The advisory committee shall consult with the department in the
4 development and maintenance of a basic minimum required curriculum and
5 the department shall furnish to each qualifying applicant for an
6 instructor's license or a driver training school license a copy of such
7 curriculum.

8 (2) In addition to information on the safe, lawful, and responsible
9 operation of motor vehicles on the state's highways, the basic minimum
10 required curriculum shall include information on:

11 (a) Intermediate driver's license issuance, passenger and driving
12 restrictions and sanctions for violating the restrictions, and the
13 effect of traffic violations and collisions on the driving privileges;

14 (b) The effects of alcohol and drug use on motor vehicle operators,
15 including information on drug and alcohol related traffic injury and
16 mortality rates in the state of Washington and the current penalties
17 for driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol; and

18 (c) Motorcycle awareness, approved by the (~~Motorcycle Safety~~
19 ~~Foundation~~) director, to ensure new operators of motor vehicles have
20 been instructed in the importance of safely sharing the road with
21 motorcyclists.

22 (3) Should the director be presented with acceptable proof that any
23 licensed instructor or driver training school is not showing proper
24 diligence in teaching such basic minimum curriculum as required, the
25 instructor or school shall be required to appear before the advisory
26 committee and show cause why the license of the instructor or school
27 should not be revoked for such negligence. If the committee does not
28 accept such reasons as may be offered, the director may revoke the
29 license of the instructor or school, or both.

30 **Sec. 4.** RCW 28A.220.080 and 2004 c 126 s 1 are each amended to
31 read as follows:

32 The superintendent of public instruction shall include information
33 on motorcycle awareness, approved by the (~~Motorcycle Safety~~
34 ~~Foundation~~) director of licensing, in instructional material used in
35 traffic safety education courses, to ensure new operators of motor

1 vehicles have been instructed in the importance of safely sharing the
2 road with motorcyclists.

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