
HOUSE BILL 2732

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1 AN ACT Relating to passing distance; and amending RCW 46.61.110.

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

3 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.61.110 and 2005 c 396 s 1 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 The following rules shall govern the overtaking and passing of
6 vehicles proceeding in the same direction, subject to those
7 limitations, exceptions and special rules hereinafter stated:

8 (1) The driver of a vehicle overtaking other traffic proceeding in
9 the same direction shall pass to the left thereof at a safe distance
10 and shall not again drive to the right side of the roadway until safely
11 clear of the overtaken traffic.

12 (2) The driver of a vehicle approaching a pedestrian or bicycle
13 that is on the roadway or on the right-hand shoulder or bicycle lane of
14 the roadway shall pass to the left at a safe distance, of no less than
15 three feet, to clearly avoid coming into contact with the pedestrian or
16 bicyclist, and shall not again drive to the right side of the roadway
17 until safely clear of the overtaken pedestrian or bicyclist.

18 (3) Except when overtaking and passing on the right is permitted,

1 overtaken traffic shall give way to the right in favor of an overtaking
2 vehicle on audible signal and shall not increase speed until completely
3 passed by the overtaking vehicle.

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