
Transportation Committee

HB 1328

Brief Description: Authorizing the temporary local suspension of certain motorcycle provisions for the operation of motorcycles in parades or public demonstrations.

Sponsors: Representatives Van De Wege, DeBolt, Blake, Klippert, Hinkle, Ross, Hasegawa, Kirby, Billig, Lias, Takko, Stanford, Finn, Alexander, Short, Angel, Dammeier, Zeiger, Uptegrove, Tharinger, Green, Kelley, Hurst, McCune, Kenney and Maxwell.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Replaces the Chief of the State Patrol with the local police chief as the authority who may temporarily suspend certain provisions related to motorcycle equipment standards and helmet use with respect to the operation of motorcycles in parades or public demonstrations.

Hearing Date: 1/25/11

Staff: Wendy Malkin (786-7114).

Background:

The Chief of the Washington State Patrol may temporarily suspend the following provisions with respect to the operation of motorcycles in connection with a parade or public demonstration:

- With certain exceptions, it is unlawful for a person to operate a motorcycle, moped, or motor-driven cycle that does not meet certain equipment standards for mirrors and windshields. However, certain older and antique motorcycles are exempt from the mirror requirements.
- Motorcycle riders must meet certain requirements in terms of riding position in relation to permanent seats and foot pegs, and operators are prohibited from carrying passengers unless there is proper seating for the passenger.
- Motorcycles must meet requirements for handlebar height.
- With certain exceptions, it is unlawful for a person to operate a motorcycle, moped, or motor-driven cycle unless he or she is wearing a helmet.

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- It is unlawful to transport a child under the age of five on a motorcycle or motor-driven cycle.

Summary of Bill:

The Chief of the State Patrol is replaced with the local police chief as the authority who may temporarily suspend certain provisions related to motorcycle equipment standards and helmet use with respect to the operation of motorcycles in parades or public demonstrations.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.