

FINAL BILL REPORT

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Authorizing the use of modified off-road motorcycles on public roads.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators King, Haugen and Shin).

Senate Committee on Transportation
House Committee on Transportation

Background: Currently, Washington State law does not permit the conversion of off-road motorcycles for on-street use.

Summary: A person may operate an off-road motorcycle upon a public road, street, or highway in Washington, if the person complies with the following requirements:

- file a motorcycle use declaration, in which the Department of Licensing (DOL) certifies conformance with all applicable federal motor vehicle safety standards and state standards;
- obtain and have in full force and effect a current and proper off-road vehicle (ORV) registration or temporary ORV use permit;
- obtain a valid driver's license and motorcycle endorsement issued to Washington residents; and
- install various outlined motorcycle components, if not already present on the off-road motorcycle.

An off-road motorcycle is defined. In order to be registered for on-road use, an off-road motorcycle must travel on two wheels with a seat designed to be straddled by the operator and have handlebar-type steering control.

DOL must establish a declaration, which must be submitted by an off-road motorcycle owner when applying for on-road registration of an off-road motorcycle. The declaration must include the following:

- documentation of a safety inspection conducted by a licensed dealership or repair shop;
- documentation that the licensed dealership or repair shop did not charge more than \$100 for the inspection, all of which goes to the dealership or repair shop;
- verification of the vehicle identification number; and

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- a release signed by the owner that releases the state from liability.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	46	2
House	96	0

Effective: January 1, 2012.