
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1543

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By House Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Rolfes, Frockt, Anderson, and Kirby)

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1 AN ACT Relating to limiting the issuance of motorcycle instruction
2 permits; and amending RCW 46.20.510.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.20.510 and 2002 c 352 s 17 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) **Motorcycle instruction permit.** A person holding a valid
7 driver's license who wishes to learn to ride a motorcycle may apply for
8 a motorcycle instruction permit. The department may issue a motorcycle
9 instruction permit after the applicant has successfully passed all
10 parts of the motorcycle examination other than the driving test. The
11 director shall collect a fee of fifteen dollars for the motorcycle
12 instruction permit or renewal, and deposit the fee in the motorcycle
13 safety education account of the highway safety fund.

14 (2) **Effect of motorcycle instruction permit.** A person holding a
15 motorcycle instruction permit may drive a motorcycle upon the public
16 highways if the person has immediate possession of the permit and a
17 valid driver's license. An individual with a motorcyclist's
18 instruction permit may not carry passengers and may not operate a
19 motorcycle during the hours of darkness.

1 (3) **Term of motorcycle instruction permit.** A motorcycle
2 instruction permit is valid for ninety days from the date of issue.
3 (a) The department may issue one additional ninety-day permit.
4 (b) The department may issue a third motorcycle instruction permit
5 (~~(if it finds after an investigation that the permittee is diligently~~
6 ~~seeking to improve driving proficiency))~~ upon presentation of
7 documented evidence that the permittee is enrolled in a motorcycle
8 skills education program as authorized in RCW 46.81A.020 with a class
9 start date prior to the expiration of the third permit. The department
10 may not issue more than three motorcycle instruction permits to an
11 applicant within a five-year period.

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