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1 AN ACT Relating to motorcycle profiling; and adding a new section
2 to chapter 43.101 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.101 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) Local law enforcement agencies shall:

7 (a) Adopt a written policy designed to condemn and prevent
8 motorcycle profiling;

9 (b) Review and audit their existing procedures, practices, and
10 training to ensure that they do not enable or foster the practice of
11 motorcycle profiling;

12 (c) Institute training to address the issues related to motorcycle
13 profiling. Officers should be trained in how to better interact with
14 persons they stop so that legitimate police actions are not
15 misperceived as motorcycle profiling; and

16 (d) Work with motorcycle groups in their communities to
17 appropriately address the issue of motorcycle profiling.

18 (2) The Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs shall
19 coordinate with the criminal justice training commission to ensure that

1 issues related to motorcycle profiling are addressed in basic law
2 enforcement training and offered in regional training for in-service
3 law enforcement officers at all levels.

4 (3) For the purposes of this section, "motorcycle profiling" means
5 using the fact that a person rides a motorcycle or wears motorcycle-
6 related paraphernalia as a factor in deciding to stop and question,
7 take enforcement action, arrest, or search a person or vehicle with or
8 without legal basis under the United States Constitution or the
9 Washington state Constitution.

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