

SB 5141 - H COMM AMD

By Committee on Transportation

NOT CONSIDERED

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 46.61 RCW
4 to read as follows:

5 (1) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the
6 operator of a street legal motorcycle approaching an intersection,
7 including a left turn intersection, that is controlled by a triggered
8 traffic control signal using a vehicle detection device that is
9 inoperative due to the size of the street legal motorcycle shall come
10 to a full and complete stop at the intersection. If the traffic
11 control signal, including the left turn signal, as appropriate, fails
12 to operate after the lesser of either ninety seconds or one cycle of
13 the traffic signal, the operator may, after exercising due care,
14 proceed directly through the intersection or proceed to turn left, as
15 appropriate. It is not a defense to a violation of RCW 46.61.050 that
16 the driver of a motorcycle proceeded under the belief that a traffic
17 control signal used a vehicle detection device or was inoperative due
18 to the size of the motorcycle when the signal did not use a vehicle
19 detection device or that any such device was not in fact inoperative
20 due to the size of the motorcycle.

21 (2) By October 31, 2015, the Washington traffic safety commission,
22 with input from the Washington state patrol and local law enforcement,
23 shall submit a report to the legislature regarding the implementation
24 of this act. This report must describe the act's effectiveness in
25 helping motorcyclists, note any increase or decrease in the frequency
26 of traffic accidents as a result of this act, summarize any issues
27 related to ticketing or automated traffic safety cameras, explore
28 whether all motor vehicles and bicycles should be given the same
29 ability to proceed through traffic signals, and provide appropriate
30 recommendations.

1 (3) This section expires August 1, 2016."

2 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Allows the operator of a motorcycle to proceed through an intersection after 90 seconds under certain circumstances; directs the Washington Traffic Safety Commission to provide a report on the implementation and effectiveness of this act and providing recommendations for improvements; sets a date of August 1, 2016, for the act to expire.

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