
Transportation Committee

HB 1334

Brief Description: Concerning conversion kits on motorcycles.

Sponsors: Representatives Shea, Taylor, MacEwen, Schmick, Holy, Short, Kagi, Orcutt, Overstreet, Rodne, Klippert, Hargrove, Condotta and Parker.

<p style="text-align: center;">Brief Summary of Bill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Revises and standardizes the definition of "motorcycle."• Authorizes the use of stabilizing conversion kits on motorcycles.
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Hearing Date: 2/5/13

Staff: Jerry Long (786-7306).

Background:

Motorcycle means a motor vehicle designed to travel on not more than three wheels in contact with the ground, on which the driver:

- rides on a seat or saddle and the motor vehicle is designed to be steered with a handlebar; or
- rides on a seat in a partially or completely enclosed seating area that is equipped with safety belts and the motor vehicle is designed to be steered with a steering wheel.

Current motorcycle skills training programs are available for two-wheeled and three-wheeled motorcycles. The operator of a motorcycle must have the appropriate two-wheeled or three-wheeled driver's license endorsement in order to operate a two- or three-wheeled motorcycle in Washington.

Private industry has developed equipment kits that may be added to a motorcycle to provide additional stability. There are some states that authorize the use of stabilization kits.

Summary of Bill:

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The definition of a motorcycle is revised to mean a motor vehicle designed to travel on not more than three wheels not including any stabilizing conversion kits.

The definition of a "motorcycle" in the Motorcycle Skills Education Program is updated to be the same definition as the chapter definition and clarifies that it excludes off-road motorcycles.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

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