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By Senators King, Hobbs, Dammeier, Rolfes, Hill, Rivers, Lias, Mullet, Billig, and Pedersen

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1 AN ACT Relating to allowing bicycles to stop and proceed through  
2 traffic control signals under certain conditions; and amending RCW  
3 46.61.184.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.61.184 and 2014 c 167 s 1 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

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

1 that any such device was not in fact inoperative due to the size of  
2 the bicycle or motorcycle. For purposes of this section, "bicycle"  
3 includes a bicycle, as defined in RCW 46.04.071, and an electric-  
4 assisted bicycle, as defined in RCW 46.04.169.

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