

SHB 1436 - S COMM AMD  
By Committee on Transportation

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

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 46.16A  
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 (1) It is the intent of the legislature to create a concurrent  
6 licensing process to allow the owner of a motorcycle to maintain  
7 concurrent but separate registrations for the vehicle, for use as a  
8 motorcycle and for use as a snow bike.

9 (2) The department shall allow the owner of a motorcycle to  
10 maintain concurrent licenses for the vehicle for use as a motorcycle  
11 and for use as a snow bike. When the vehicle is registered as a  
12 motorcycle, the terms of the registration are those under this  
13 chapter that apply to motorcycles, including applicable fees. When  
14 the vehicle is registered as a snow bike, the terms of the  
15 registration are those under chapter 46.10 RCW that apply to  
16 snowmobiles, including applicable fees.

17 (3) The department shall establish a declaration subject to the  
18 requirements of RCW 9A.72.085, which must be submitted by the  
19 motorcycle owner when initially applying for a snowmobile  
20 registration under chapter 46.10 RCW for the use of the converted  
21 motorcycle as a snow bike. The declaration must include a statement  
22 signed by the owner that a motorcycle that had been previously  
23 converted to a snow bike must conform with all applicable federal  
24 motor vehicle safety standards and state standards while in use as a  
25 motorcycle upon public roads, streets, or highways. Once submitted by  
26 the motorcycle owner, the declaration is valid until the vehicle is  
27 sold or the title is otherwise transferred.

28 (4) The department may adopt rules to implement this section.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 46.10  
30 RCW to read as follows:

1 The owner of a motorcycle may apply for a snowmobile registration  
2 as provided in section 1 of this act and under the terms of this  
3 chapter to use the motorcycle, when properly converted, as a snow  
4 bike for the purposes of this chapter.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 46.61  
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 A person may operate a motorcycle, that previously had been  
8 converted to a snow bike, upon a public road, street, or highway of  
9 this state if:

10 (1) The person files a motorcycle highway use declaration, as  
11 provided under section 1 of this act, with the department certifying  
12 conformance with all applicable federal motor vehicle safety  
13 standards and state standards while in use as a motorcycle upon  
14 public roads, streets, or highways;

15 (2) The person obtains a valid driver's license and motorcycle  
16 endorsement issued to Washington residents in compliance with chapter  
17 46.20 RCW for a motorcycle; and

18 (3) The motorcycle conforms to all applicable federal motor  
19 vehicle safety standards and state standards.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 46.04  
21 RCW to read as follows:

22 "Snow bike" means a motorcycle or off-road motorcycle that has  
23 been modified with a conversion kit to include (1) an endless belt  
24 tread or cleats or similar means for the purposes of propulsion on  
25 snow and (2) a ski or sled type runner for the purposes of steering.

26 **Sec. 5.** RCW 46.10.300 and 2010 c 161 s 225 are each reenacted  
27 and amended to read as follows:

28 The following definitions apply throughout this chapter unless  
29 the context clearly requires otherwise.

30 (1) "All terrain vehicle" means any self-propelled vehicle other  
31 than a snowmobile, capable of cross-country travel on or immediately  
32 over land, water, snow, ice, marsh, swampland, and other natural  
33 terrain, including, but not limited to, four-wheel vehicles,  
34 amphibious vehicles, ground effect or air cushion vehicles, and any  
35 other means of land transportation deriving motive power from any  
36 source other than muscle or wind; except any vehicle designed

1 primarily for travel on, over, or in the water, farm vehicles, or any  
2 military or law enforcement vehicles.

3 (2) "Commission" means the Washington state parks and recreation  
4 commission.

5 (3) "Committee" means the Washington state parks and recreation  
6 commission snowmobile advisory committee.

7 (4) "Dealer" means a person, partnership, association, or  
8 corporation engaged in the business of selling snowmobiles or all  
9 terrain vehicles at wholesale or retail in this state.

10 (5) "Highway" means the entire width of the right-of-way of a  
11 primary and secondary state highway, including any portion of the  
12 interstate highway system.

13 (6) "Hunt" means any effort to kill, injure, capture, or disturb  
14 a wild animal or wild bird.

15 (7) "Public roadway" means the entire width of the right-of-way  
16 of any road or street designed and ordinarily used for travel or  
17 parking of motor vehicles, which is controlled by a public authority  
18 other than the Washington state department of transportation, and  
19 which is open as a matter of right to the general public for ordinary  
20 vehicular traffic.

21 (8) "Snowmobile" means both "snowmobile" as defined in RCW  
22 46.04.546 and "snow bike" as defined in section 4 of this act.

23 NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. This act takes effect September 1, 2019."

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24 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "bikes;" strike the  
25 remainder of the title and insert "reenacting and amending RCW  
26 46.10.300; adding a new section to chapter 46.16A RCW; adding a new  
27 section to chapter 46.10 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 46.61  
28 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 46.04 RCW; and providing an  
29 effective date."

EFFECT: (1) Allows the owner of a motorcycle to maintain  
concurrent licenses for the vehicle for use as a motorcycle and for  
use as a snow bike.

(2) Removes the provision requiring a motorcycle that is registered as both an on-road motorcycle and a snow bike to be subject to transportation benefit district fees.

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