

FINAL BILL REPORT

SB 6565

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Establishing permissible methods of parking a motorcycle.

Sponsors: Senators Randall, Nguyen, Lovelett, Hasegawa, Das, Saldaña and Wilson, C.

Senate Committee on Transportation
House Committee on Transportation

Background: Generally, vehicles on a two-way roadway must be parked with the right-hand wheels parallel to, and within 12 inches of, the right-hand curb or right-hand shoulder of the road. Vehicles on a one-way roadway, unless provided otherwise by a local ordinance, must be parked parallel to, and within 12 inches of, either the right hand or left hand curb or shoulder of the road.

Local governments may allow angle parking on any roadway, however if the roadway is a federal-aid or state highway, the secretary of transportation must have determined the roadway is wide enough to permit angle parking without interfering with free movement of traffic.

Summary: When parking is allowed, motorcycles may park parallel or at an angle to the curb or edge of a highway with at least one wheel or fender within 12 inches of the curb or shoulder nearest to which the motorcycle is parked.

A local jurisdiction may prohibit angled stopping or parking of motorcycles on a one-way or two-way highway if the local jurisdiction passes an ordinance to that effect, so long as the local jurisdiction posts visible signage at any location to which the prohibition applies.

More than one motorcycle may occupy a parking space, provided the motorcycles in the parking space remain within the boundaries of that parking space. Further parking rules applicable to multiple motorcycles parking in a single parking space include:

- parking laws applicable to a single motor vehicle in a parking space are also applicable to each motorcycle when multiple motorcycles are sharing a single parking space;
- proof of payment must be displayed by all motorcycles sharing one parking space when proof of payment is required of all motor vehicles parking at a location; and
- metered parking spaces may not require payment by each motorcycle sharing one space.

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The requirement that the secretary of transportation first make a determination that a state highway or federal aid highway is wide enough to allow for free movement of traffic before motorcycles can park angled on the edge of such a highway is removed.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	48	0	
House	97	0	(House amended)
Senate	48	0	(Senate concurred)

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