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**SENATE BILL 5653**

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**By** Senators Fortunato, Hasegawa, Takko, Brown, Becker, Padden, Wilson, L., Schoesler, Short, Holy, Warnick, Sheldon, Honeyford, Saldaña, Hobbs, Palumbo, and Randall

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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing permissible methods of parking a  
2 motorcycle; and amending RCW 46.61.575.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.61.575 and 1977 ex.s. c 151 s 41 are each amended  
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, every vehicle  
7 stopped or parked upon a two-way roadway shall be so stopped or  
8 parked with the right-hand wheels parallel to and within twelve  
9 inches of the right-hand curb or as close as practicable to the right  
10 edge of the right-hand shoulder.

11 (2) Except when otherwise provided by local ordinance, every  
12 vehicle stopped or parked upon a one-way roadway shall be so stopped  
13 or parked parallel to the curb or edge of the roadway, in the  
14 direction of authorized traffic movement, with its right-hand wheels  
15 within twelve inches of the right-hand curb or as close as  
16 practicable to the right edge of the right-hand shoulder, or with its  
17 left-hand wheels within twelve inches of the left-hand curb or as  
18 close as practicable to the left edge of the left-hand shoulder. This  
19 subsection does not apply to the parking of motorcycles, unless a  
20 local jurisdiction prohibits angle parking as permitted under

1 subsection (3)(a)(i) of this section and does not otherwise specify  
2 the manner in which a motorcycle must park.

3 (3)(a)(i) Every motorcycle stopped or parked on a one-way or two-  
4 way highway shall be so stopped or parked parallel or at an angle to  
5 the curb or edge of the highway with at least one wheel or fender  
6 within twelve inches of the curb nearest to which the motorcycle is  
7 parked or as close as practicable to the edge of the shoulder nearest  
8 to which the motorcycle is parked. A motorcycle may not be parked in  
9 such a manner that it extends into the roadway.

10 (ii) A county, city, or town may by ordinance prohibit the angle  
11 stopping or parking of a motorcycle as specified in (a)(i) of this  
12 subsection, but must post visible signage in a location to provide  
13 notice of the prohibition on angle stopping or parking for the  
14 prohibition to apply to that location.

15 (b) More than one motorcycle may occupy a parking space, provided  
16 that the parked motorcycles occupying the parking space do not exceed  
17 the boundaries of that parking space.

18 (4) Local authorities may by ordinance or resolution permit angle  
19 parking on any roadway, except that angle parking shall not be  
20 permitted on any federal-aid or state highway unless the secretary of  
21 transportation has determined by order that the roadway is of  
22 sufficient width to permit angle parking without interfering with the  
23 free movement of traffic. The angle parking of motorcycles, which is  
24 governed under subsection (3) of this section, is not subject to this  
25 determination by the secretary of transportation.

26 ~~((4))~~ (5) The secretary with respect to highways under his or  
27 her jurisdiction may place official traffic control devices  
28 prohibiting, limiting, or restricting the stopping, standing, or  
29 parking of vehicles on any highway where the secretary has determined  
30 by order, such stopping, standing, or parking is dangerous to those  
31 using the highway or where the stopping, standing, or parking of  
32 vehicles would unduly interfere with the free movement of traffic  
33 thereon. No person shall stop, stand, or park any vehicle in  
34 violation of the restrictions indicated by such devices.

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