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1 AN ACT Relating to improving motorcycle safety by authorizing the
2 use of the right shoulder of limited access roadways; and amending
3 RCW 46.61.608.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.61.608 and 2013 c 139 s 1 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (1) All motorcycles are entitled to full use of a lane and no
8 motor vehicle shall be driven in such a manner as to deprive any
9 motorcycle of the full use of a lane. This subsection shall not apply
10 to motorcycles operated two abreast in a single lane.

11 (2) The operator of a motorcycle shall not overtake and pass in
12 the same lane or shoulder occupied by the vehicle being overtaken.
13 However, this subsection shall not apply when the operator of a
14 motorcycle overtakes and passes a pedestrian or bicyclist while
15 maintaining a safe passing distance of at least three feet.

16 (3) No person shall operate a motorcycle between lanes of traffic
17 or between adjacent lines or rows of vehicles.

18 (4) Motorcycles shall not be operated more than two abreast in a
19 single lane.

20 (5) Motorcycles may temporarily travel on the right shoulder of a
21 limited access roadway when traffic is stopped or when the average

1 speed of the vehicles on the travel lanes of the limited access
2 roadway is 25 miles per hour or less, subject to the following
3 restrictions:

4 (a) A motorcycle may not use a right shoulder at a speed greater
5 than 10 miles per hour faster than the speed of traffic in the lane
6 adjacent to the shoulder;

7 (b) Motorcycles may not be operated more than one abreast on a
8 right shoulder;

9 (c) A motorcycle must reenter traffic lanes if the shoulder is
10 occupied by a parked vehicle, emergency vehicle, tow truck, or other
11 vehicle providing roadside assistance until the motorcycle is safely
12 past the obstruction; and

13 (d) A motorcycle is prohibited from continuing to operate on the
14 right shoulder of a limited access roadway when the motorcycle
15 reaches an exit:

16 (i) From which the driver can access an alternative route; or

17 (ii) That can be used to access nearby food or fueling services
18 that are visible to the motorcycle driver from the limited access
19 roadway.

20 (6) Subsections (2) and (3) of this section shall not apply to
21 police officers in the performance of their official duties.

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