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1            AN ACT Relating to adding bicyclist and pedestrian safety  
2 information to drivers' education curriculum; amending RCW 46.82.420;  
3 adding a new section to chapter 28A.220 RCW; and creating new sections.

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

5            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds and declares that it  
6 is the policy of the state of Washington to encourage the safe and  
7 efficient use of the roads by all citizens, regardless of mode of  
8 transportation. In furtherance of this policy, the legislature further  
9 finds and declares that driver training programs should enhance the  
10 driver training curriculum in order to emphasize the importance of  
11 safely sharing the road with bicyclists and pedestrians.

12            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.** This act may be known and cited as the  
13 Matthew "Tatsuo" Nakata act.

14            **Sec. 3.** RCW 46.82.420 and 2007 c 97 s 3 are each amended to read  
15 as follows:

16            (1) The advisory committee shall consult with the department in the  
17 development and maintenance of a basic minimum required curriculum and

1 the department shall furnish to each qualifying applicant for an  
2 instructor's license or a driver training school license a copy of such  
3 curriculum.

4 (2) In addition to information on the safe, lawful, and responsible  
5 operation of motor vehicles on the state's highways, the basic minimum  
6 required curriculum shall include information on:

7 (a) Intermediate driver's license issuance, passenger and driving  
8 restrictions and sanctions for violating the restrictions, and the  
9 effect of traffic violations and collisions on the driving privileges;

10 (b) The effects of alcohol and drug use on motor vehicle operators,  
11 including information on drug and alcohol related traffic injury and  
12 mortality rates in the state of Washington and the current penalties  
13 for driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol; ~~((and))~~

14 (c) Motorcycle awareness, approved by the director, to ensure new  
15 operators of motor vehicles have been instructed in the importance of  
16 safely sharing the road with motorcyclists;

17 (d) Bicycle safety, to ensure that operators of motor vehicles have  
18 been instructed in the importance of safely sharing the road with  
19 bicyclists; and

20 (e) Pedestrian safety, to ensure that operators of motor vehicles  
21 have been instructed in the importance of safely sharing the road with  
22 pedestrians.

23 (3) Should the director be presented with acceptable proof that any  
24 licensed instructor or driver training school is not showing proper  
25 diligence in teaching such basic minimum curriculum as required, the  
26 instructor or school shall be required to appear before the advisory  
27 committee and show cause why the license of the instructor or school  
28 should not be revoked for such negligence. If the committee does not  
29 accept such reasons as may be offered, the director may revoke the  
30 license of the instructor or school, or both.

31 NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. A new section is added to chapter 28A.220  
32 RCW to read as follows:

33 The superintendent of public instruction shall require that  
34 information on driving safely among bicyclists and pedestrians,  
35 approved by the director of the department of licensing, be included in  
36 instructional material used in traffic safety education courses, to

1 ensure that new operators of motor vehicles have been instructed in  
2 safely sharing the road with bicyclists and pedestrians.

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