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1            AN ACT Relating to motorcycles at traffic signals; adding a new  
2 section to chapter 46.61 RCW; and providing an effective date.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 46.61 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6            The operator of a street legal motorcycle approaching an  
7 intersection that is controlled by a triggered traffic control signal  
8 using a vehicle detection device that is inoperative due to the size of  
9 the street legal motorcycle shall come to a full and complete stop at  
10 the intersection. If the traffic control signal fails to operate after  
11 one cycle of the signal, the operator may, after exercising due care,  
12 proceed through the intersection. It is not a defense to a violation  
13 of RCW 46.61.050 that the driver of a motorcycle proceeded through the  
14 intersection under the belief that the traffic control signal used a  
15 vehicle detection device or was inoperative due to the size of the  
16 motorcycle when the signal did not use a vehicle detection device or  
17 that a vehicle detection device was not inoperative due to the size of

1 the motorcycle.

2 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act takes effect August 1, 2007.

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