
SENATE BILL 5809

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1 AN ACT Relating to instructing new drivers on properly securing
2 vehicle loads on public highways; amending RCW 46.82.420; and adding a
3 new section to chapter 28A.220 RCW.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.82.420 and 2006 c 219 s 12 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (1) The advisory committee shall consult with the department in the
8 development and maintenance of a basic minimum required curriculum and
9 the department shall furnish to each qualifying applicant for an
10 instructor's license or a driver training school license a copy of such
11 curriculum.

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

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

18 (b) The effects of alcohol and drug use on motor vehicle operators,

1 including information on drug and alcohol related traffic injury and
2 mortality rates in the state of Washington and the current penalties
3 for driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol; (~~and~~)

4 (c) Motorcycle awareness, approved by the Motorcycle Safety
5 Foundation, to ensure new operators of motor vehicles have been
6 instructed in the importance of safely sharing the road with
7 motorcyclists; and

8 (d) The requirements for securing vehicle loads on public highways,
9 and applicable penalties for violating these requirements, under RCW
10 46.61.655, to ensure that new drivers have been instructed in the
11 dangers of improperly securing vehicle loads and the importance of
12 complying with this particular rule of the road.

13 (3) Should the director be presented with acceptable proof that any
14 licensed instructor or driver training school is not showing proper
15 diligence in teaching such basic minimum curriculum as required, the
16 instructor or school shall be required to appear before the advisory
17 committee and show cause why the license of the instructor or school
18 should not be revoked for such negligence. If the committee does not
19 accept such reasons as may be offered, the director may revoke the
20 license of the instructor or school, or both.

21 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 28A.220
22 RCW to read as follows:

23 The superintendent of public instruction shall include information
24 on the requirements for securing vehicle loads on public highways, and
25 applicable penalties for violating these requirements, under RCW
26 46.61.655, in instructional materials used in traffic safety education
27 courses, to ensure that new drivers have been instructed in the dangers
28 of improperly securing vehicle loads and the importance of complying
29 with this particular rule of the road.

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