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By Senators Sheldon, Jacobsen, McAuliffe, Shin, Stevens, Hatfield, Roach, Benton, Kline, Rockefeller, and Delvin

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

1 inoperative due to the size of the motorcycle.

2 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act takes effect September 1, 2008.

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