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1 AN ACT Relating to private motorcycle skills education programs;  
2 amending RCW 46.81A.020; providing an effective date; and declaring an  
3 emergency.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.81A.020 and 2007 c 97 s 2 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7 (1) The director shall administer and enforce the law pertaining to  
8 the motorcycle skills education program as set forth in this chapter.

9 (2) The director may adopt and enforce reasonable rules that are  
10 consistent with this chapter.

11 (3) The director shall revise the Washington motorcycle safety  
12 program to:

13 (a) Institute separate novice and advanced motorcycle skills  
14 education courses for both two-wheeled and three-wheeled motorcycles  
15 that are each a minimum of eight hours and no more than sixteen hours  
16 at a cost, except as provided in subsection (5) of this section, of (i)  
17 no more than fifty dollars for Washington state residents under the age  
18 of eighteen, and (ii) no more than one hundred twenty-five dollars for

1 Washington state residents who are eighteen years of age or older and  
2 military personnel of any age stationed in Washington state;

3 (b) Encourage the use of loaned or used motorcycles for use in the  
4 motorcycle skills education course if the instructor approves them;

5 (c) Require all instructors for two-wheeled motorcycles to conduct  
6 at least three classes in a one-year period, and all instructors for  
7 three-wheeled motorcycles to conduct at least one class in a one-year  
8 period, to maintain their teaching eligibility.

9 (4) The department may enter into agreements to review and certify  
10 that a private motorcycle skills education course meets educational  
11 standards equivalent to those required of courses conducted under the  
12 motorcycle skills education program. An agreement entered into under  
13 this subsection must provide that the department may conduct periodic  
14 audits to ensure that educational standards continue to meet those  
15 required for courses conducted under the motorcycle skills education  
16 program, and that the costs of the review, certification, and audit  
17 process will be borne by the party seeking certification.

18 (5) The department must allow private motorcycle skills education  
19 programs to offer motorcycle safety education where students pay the  
20 full cost for the training. In entering into agreements with such  
21 programs under this subsection, the department must review and certify  
22 that a private motorcycle skills education course under this subsection  
23 meets educational standards equivalent to those offered under the cost  
24 limits set forth in subsection (3)(a) of this section. An agreement  
25 entered into under this subsection must provide that the department may  
26 conduct periodic audits to ensure that educational standards continue  
27 to meet those of other programs approved by the department, and that  
28 the costs of the review, certification, and audit process will be borne  
29 by the program seeking certification.

30 (6) The department shall obtain and compile information from  
31 applicants for a motorcycle endorsement regarding whether they have  
32 completed a state approved or certified motorcycle skills education  
33 course.

34 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
35 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the

1 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect  
2 July 1, 2013.

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