
HOUSE BILL 2438

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By Representatives D. Sommers, Costa, Sterk and Gombosky

Read first time . Referred to Committee on .

1 AN ACT Relating to bicycle racing on state highways; and amending
2 RCW 46.61.770.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.61.770 and 1982 c 55 s 7 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) Every person operating a bicycle upon a roadway at a rate of
7 speed less than the normal flow of traffic at the particular time and
8 place shall ride as near to the right side of the right through lane as
9 is safe except as may be appropriate while preparing to make or while
10 making turning movements, or while overtaking and passing another
11 bicycle or vehicle proceeding in the same direction. A person
12 operating a bicycle upon a roadway or highway other than a limited-
13 access highway, which roadway or highway carries traffic in one
14 direction only and has two or more marked traffic lanes, may ride as
15 near to the left side of the left through lane as is safe. A person
16 operating a bicycle upon a roadway may use the shoulder of the roadway
17 or any specially designated bicycle lane if such exists.

1 (2) Persons riding bicycles upon a roadway shall not ride more than
2 two abreast except on paths or parts of roadways set aside for the
3 exclusive use of bicycles.

4 (3) The department of transportation shall adopt rules for bicycle
5 racing, after consultation with the Washington bicycle advisory
6 committee, the Washington state patrol, and the Washington traffic
7 safety commission. The rules must address the following: Types of
8 races, organized events, and related topics. The rules may require the
9 organizer of a race to receive a permit, issued by the appropriate
10 district administrator of the department of transportation at least
11 sixty days before an event.

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