

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5323

As of January 22, 1999

Title: An act relating to motorcycle handlebars.

Brief Description: Increasing maximum height for motorcycle handlebars.

Sponsors: Senators Haugen, Benton, Horn, Winsley, T. Sheldon and Rasmussen.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Transportation: 1/26/99.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Staff: Paul Johnson (786-7839)

Background: The maximum height for motorcycle handlebars or grips was established in 1967 at no more than 15 inches higher than the seat or saddle. One of two standards is usually used by the states in establishing the maximum height of the handlebars: (1) a maximum number of inches high measured from the seat, or (2) established at a height that is no higher than the shoulders of the operator.

Summary of Bill: The maximum legal height for motorcycle handlebars or grips is increased from 15 inches to 30 inches, as measured from the seat or saddle.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.