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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6282**

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**By** Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Horn, Haugen, B. Sheldon, Costa, Morton, Honeyford, Hale, Stevens, Finkbeiner and Oke)

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1 AN ACT Relating to motorcycle skills education; and amending RCW  
2 46.20.515 and 46.81A.020.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.20.515 and 2001 c 104 s 2 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 The motorcycle endorsement examination must emphasize maneuvers  
7 necessary for on-street operation, including emergency braking and  
8 turning as may be required to avoid an impending collision. The  
9 department may waive all or part of the examination for persons who  
10 satisfactorily complete the voluntary motorcycle operator training and  
11 education program authorized under RCW 46.20.520 or who satisfactorily  
12 complete a private motorcycle skills education course that has been  
13 certified by the department under RCW 46.81A.020.

14 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.81A.020 and 1998 c 245 s 91 are each amended to  
15 read as follows:

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

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

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

5 (a) Institute a motorcycle skills education course for both novice  
6 and advanced motorcycle riders that is a minimum of eight hours and no  
7 more than sixteen hours at a cost of (i) no more than fifty dollars for  
8 Washington state residents under the age of eighteen, and (ii) no more  
9 than one hundred dollars for Washington state residents who are  
10 eighteen years of age or older and military personnel of any age  
11 stationed in Washington state;

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

14 (c) Require all instructors to conduct at least three classes in a  
15 one-year period to maintain their teaching eligibility;

16 (d) Encourage the use of radio or intercom equipped helmets when,  
17 in the opinion of the instructor, radio or intercom equipped helmets  
18 improve the quality of instruction.

19 (4) The department may enter into agreements to review and certify  
20 that a private motorcycle skills education course meets educational  
21 standards equivalent to those required of courses conducted under the  
22 motorcycle skills education program. An agreement entered into under  
23 this subsection must provide that the department may conduct periodic  
24 audits to ensure that educational standards continue to meet those  
25 required for courses conducted under the motorcycle skills education  
26 program, and that the costs of the review, certification, and audit  
27 process will be borne by the party seeking certification.

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

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