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By House Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Shea, Riccelli, Walsh, Young, and McCaslin)

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1 AN ACT Relating to governing the use of narrow track vehicles;
2 amending RCW 46.04.320, 46.61.184, 46.61.575, and 46.61.608; and
3 adding a new section to chapter 46.04 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 46.04
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 "Narrow track vehicle" means a fully enclosed motor vehicle with
8 three or four wheels that does not exceed forty inches in width. A
9 "narrow track vehicle" that does not exceed one hundred two inches in
10 length is classified as a "short narrow track vehicle."

11 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.04.320 and 2010 c 217 s 1 are each amended to
12 read as follows:

13 "Motor vehicle" means every vehicle that is self-propelled and
14 every vehicle that is propelled by electric power obtained from
15 overhead trolley wires, but not operated upon rails. "Motor vehicle"
16 includes a neighborhood electric vehicle as defined in RCW 46.04.357.
17 "Motor vehicle" includes a medium-speed electric vehicle as defined
18 in RCW 46.04.295. "Motor vehicle" includes a narrow track vehicle as
19 defined in section 1 of this act. An electric personal assistive
20 mobility device is not considered a motor vehicle. A power wheelchair

1 is not considered a motor vehicle. A golf cart is not considered a
2 motor vehicle, except for the purposes of chapter 46.61 RCW.

3 **Sec. 3.** RCW 46.61.184 and 2015 c 32 s 1 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the
6 operator of a bicycle, moped, ~~((\oplus))~~ street legal motorcycle, or
7 narrow track vehicle approaching an intersection, including a left
8 turn intersection, that is controlled by a triggered traffic control
9 signal using a vehicle detection device that is inoperative due to
10 the size or composition of the bicycle, moped, ~~((\oplus))~~ street legal
11 motorcycle, or narrow track vehicle shall come to a full and complete
12 stop at the intersection. If the traffic control signal, including
13 the left turn signal, as appropriate, fails to operate after one
14 cycle of the traffic signal, the operator may, after exercising due
15 care, proceed directly through the intersection or proceed to turn
16 left, as appropriate. It is not a defense to a violation of RCW
17 46.61.050 that the operator of a bicycle, moped, ~~((\oplus))~~ motorcycle,
18 or narrow track vehicle proceeded under the belief that a traffic
19 control signal used a vehicle detection device or was inoperative due
20 to the size or composition of the bicycle, moped, ~~((\oplus))~~ motorcycle,
21 or narrow track vehicle when the signal did not use a vehicle
22 detection device or that any such device was not in fact inoperative
23 due to the size or composition of the bicycle, moped, ~~((\oplus))~~
24 motorcycle, or narrow track vehicle. For purposes of this section,
25 "bicycle" includes a bicycle, as defined in RCW 46.04.071, and an
26 electric-assisted bicycle, as defined in RCW 46.04.169.

27 **Sec. 4.** RCW 46.61.575 and 1977 ex.s. c 151 s 41 are each amended
28 to read as follows:

29 (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, every vehicle
30 stopped or parked upon a two-way roadway shall be so stopped or
31 parked with the right-hand wheels parallel to and within twelve
32 inches of the right-hand curb or as close as practicable to the right
33 edge of the right-hand shoulder.

34 (2) Except when otherwise provided by local ordinance, every
35 vehicle stopped or parked upon a one-way roadway shall be so stopped
36 or parked parallel to the curb or edge of the roadway, in the
37 direction of authorized traffic movement, with its right-hand wheels
38 within twelve inches of the right-hand curb or as close as

1 practicable to the right edge of the right-hand shoulder, or with its
2 left-hand wheels within twelve inches of the left-hand curb or as
3 close as practicable to the left edge of the left-hand shoulder.

4 (3) Local authorities may by ordinance or resolution permit angle
5 parking on any roadway, except that angle parking shall not be
6 permitted on any federal-aid or state highway unless the secretary of
7 transportation has determined by order that the roadway is of
8 sufficient width to permit angle parking without interfering with the
9 free movement of traffic.

10 (4) (a) When local authorities permit angle parking of motorcycles
11 on a roadway, as provided in subsection (3) of this section, a short
12 narrow track vehicle, as defined in section 1 of this act, may also
13 park in the angled manner specified for motorcycles, except when a
14 short narrow track vehicle is specifically prohibited from parking in
15 this manner by local ordinance.

16 (b) A short narrow track vehicle, as defined in section 1 of this
17 act, may park in parking stalls restricted to motorcycle parking
18 only, except when a short narrow track vehicle is specifically
19 prohibited from parking in these parking stalls by local ordinance.

20 (5) The secretary with respect to highways under his or her
21 jurisdiction may place official traffic control devices prohibiting,
22 limiting, or restricting the stopping, standing, or parking of
23 vehicles on any highway where the secretary has determined by order,
24 such stopping, standing, or parking is dangerous to those using the
25 highway or where the stopping, standing, or parking of vehicles would
26 unduly interfere with the free movement of traffic thereon. No person
27 shall stop, stand, or park any vehicle in violation of the
28 restrictions indicated by such devices.

29 **Sec. 5.** RCW 46.61.608 and 2013 c 139 s 1 are each amended to
30 read as follows:

31 (1) All motorcycles and narrow track vehicles are entitled to
32 full use of a lane and no motor vehicle shall be driven in such a
33 manner as to deprive any motorcycle or narrow track vehicle of the
34 full use of a lane. This subsection shall not apply to motorcycles or
35 narrow track vehicles operated two abreast in a single lane, as
36 permitted under subsection (4) of this section.

37 (2) The operator of a motorcycle or narrow track vehicle shall
38 not overtake and pass in the same lane occupied by the vehicle being
39 overtaken. However, this subsection shall not apply when the operator

1 of a motorcycle or narrow track vehicle overtakes and passes a
2 pedestrian or bicyclist while maintaining a safe passing distance of
3 at least three feet.

4 (3) No person shall operate a motorcycle or narrow track vehicle
5 between lanes of traffic or between adjacent lines or rows of
6 vehicles.

7 (4) Motorcycles shall not be operated more than two abreast in a
8 single lane. Narrow track vehicles may only be operated two abreast
9 in a single lane when they are in the process of stopping or have
10 come to a complete stop alongside one another.

11 (5) Subsections (2) and (3) of this section shall not apply to
12 police officers in the performance of their official duties.

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