

2 **SB 5374** - H COMM AMD  
3 By Committee on Transportation

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5 On page 23, after line 21, insert the following:

6 "Sec. 9. RCW 46.20.500 and 1997 c 328 s 3 are each amended to read  
7 as follows:

8 No person may drive a motorcycle or a motor-driven cycle unless  
9 such person has a valid driver's license specially endorsed by the  
10 director to enable the holder to drive such vehicles(~~(, nor may a~~  
11 ~~person drive a motorcycle of a larger engine displacement than that~~  
12 ~~authorized by such special endorsement or by an instruction permit for~~  
13 ~~such category)). However, a person sixteen years of age or older,~~  
14 holding a valid driver's license of any class issued by the state of  
15 the person's residence, may operate a moped without taking any special  
16 examination for the operation of a moped. No driver's license is  
17 required for operation of an electric-assisted bicycle if the operator  
18 is at least sixteen years of age. Persons under sixteen years of age  
19 may not operate an electric-assisted bicycle.

20 **Sec. 10.** RCW 46.20.505 and 1993 c 115 s 1 are each amended to read  
21 as follows:

22 Every person applying for a special endorsement (~~(or a new category~~  
23 ~~of endorsement)) of a driver's license authorizing such person to drive~~  
24 a motorcycle or a motor-driven cycle shall pay an examination fee of  
25 two dollars which is not refundable. In addition, the endorsement fee  
26 for the initial (~~(or new category)) motorcycle endorsement shall be six~~  
27 dollars and the subsequent renewal endorsement fee shall be fourteen  
28 dollars. The initial (~~(or new category)) and renewal endorsement fees~~  
29 shall be deposited in the motorcycle safety education account of the  
30 highway safety fund.

31 **Sec. 11.** RCW 46.20.510 and 1999 c 6 s 25 are each amended to read  
32 as follows:

33 (1) (~~**Categories.** There are three categories for the special~~  
34 ~~motorcycle endorsement of a driver's license. Category one is for~~

1 motorcycles or motor-driven cycles having an engine displacement of one  
2 hundred fifty cubic centimeters or less. Category two is for  
3 motorcycles having an engine displacement of five hundred cubic  
4 centimeters or less. Category three includes categories one and two,  
5 and is for motorcycles having an engine displacement of five hundred  
6 one cubic centimeters or more.

7       (2)) **Motorcycle instruction permit.** A person holding a valid  
8 driver's license who wishes to learn to ride a motorcycle ((or obtain  
9 an endorsement of a larger category)) may apply for a motorcycle  
10 instruction permit. The department may issue a motorcycle instruction  
11 permit after the applicant has successfully passed all parts of the  
12 motorcycle examination other than the driving test. The director shall  
13 collect a two dollar and fifty cent fee for the motorcycle instruction  
14 permit or renewal, and deposit the fee in the motorcycle safety  
15 education account of the highway safety fund.

16       ((+3)) (2) **Effect of motorcycle instruction permit.** A person  
17 holding a motorcycle instruction permit may drive a motorcycle upon the  
18 public highways if the person has immediate possession of the permit  
19 and a valid driver's license ((with current endorsement, if any)). An  
20 individual with a motorcyclist's instruction permit may not carry  
21 passengers((,)) and may not operate a motorcycle during the hours of  
22 darkness ((or on a fully controlled, limited access facility, and shall  
23 be under the direct visual supervision of a person with a motorcycle  
24 endorsement of the appropriate category and at least five years' riding  
25 experience)).

26       ((+4)) (3) **Term of motorcycle instruction permit.** A motorcycle  
27 instruction permit is valid for ninety days from the date of issue.

28       (a) The department may issue one additional ninety-day permit.

29       (b) The department may issue a third motorcycle instruction permit  
30 if it finds after an investigation that the permittee is diligently  
31 seeking to improve driving proficiency.

32       **Sec. 12.** RCW 46.20.515 and 1982 c 77 s 4 are each amended to read  
33 as follows:

34       The motorcycle endorsement examination ((for each displacement  
35 category shall)) must emphasize maneuvers necessary for on-street  
36 operation, including emergency braking and turning as may be required  
37 to avoid an impending collision."

1 Correct the title.

EFFECT: (1) A motorcycle endorsement authorizes the holder to operate any size motorcycle.

(2) Motorcyclists holding a motorcycle learner's permit are allowed to drive on a controlled, limited-access facility, and without visual supervision.

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