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By Senators Schmidt, Sheldon, Stevens, Pridemore, Esser, Delvin, Jacobsen, Mulliken and Kline

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1 AN ACT Relating to traffic relief for operators of motorcycles; and
2 amending RCW 46.61.608.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.61.608 and 1975 c 62 s 46 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) All motorcycles are entitled to full use of a lane and no motor
7 vehicle shall be driven in such a manner as to deprive any motorcycle
8 of the full use of a lane. This subsection shall not apply to
9 motorcycles operated two abreast in a single lane.

10 (2) The operator of a motorcycle shall not overtake and pass in the
11 same lane occupied by the vehicle being overtaken. However, when
12 traffic is stopped or slowed to less than ten miles per hour, an
13 operator of a motorcycle may overtake and pass slowed or stopped
14 vehicles by use of a breakdown or access lane at a speed not exceeding
15 twenty miles per hour. When using a breakdown lane or access lane
16 under these circumstances, the operator of a motorcycle shall yield to
17 both emergency vehicles and disabled vehicles.

18 (3) No person shall operate a motorcycle between lanes of traffic
19 or between adjacent lines or rows of vehicles.

1 (4) Motorcycles shall not be operated more than two abreast in a
2 single lane.

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

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