
SENATE BILL 5263

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By Senators Benton and King

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1 AN ACT Relating to motorcycles overtaking and passing pedestrians
2 and bicyclists; and 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, consistent
12 with RCW 46.61.110(2), this subsection shall not apply when the
13 operator of a motorcycle overtakes and passes a pedestrian or
14 bicyclist.

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

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

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

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