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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2975**

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**By** House Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives McCabe, Wylie, Orcutt, Irwin, Chapman, Goodman, and Griffey)

READ FIRST TIME 02/06/18.

1 AN ACT Relating to snow bikes; reenacting and amending RCW  
2 46.10.300; adding a new section to chapter 46.16A RCW; adding a new  
3 section to chapter 46.10 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 46.61  
4 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 46.04 RCW; and providing an  
5 effective date.

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

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 46.16A  
8 RCW to read as follows:

9 (1) The department shall allow a motorcycle owner to register  
10 initially as provided in RCW 46.16A.040 or to renew the registration  
11 as provided in RCW 46.16A.110 and, at the same time, to register the  
12 vehicle, or renew the vehicle registration, for use as a snow bike  
13 under the terms for snowmobile registration in chapter 46.10 RCW. The  
14 fees and other terms pertaining to vehicle registration under this  
15 chapter and chapter 46.10 RCW apply.

16 (2) The department shall establish a declaration subject to the  
17 requirements of RCW 9A.72.085, which must be submitted by the  
18 motorcycle owner when applying for a snowmobile registration or  
19 registration renewal under chapter 46.10 RCW for the use of the  
20 converted motorcycle as a snow bike. The declaration must include a  
21 statement signed by the owner that a motorcycle that had been

1 previously converted to a snow bike must conform with all applicable  
2 federal motor vehicle safety standards and state standards while in  
3 use as a motorcycle upon public roads, streets, or highways.

4 (3) The department may adopt rules to implement this section.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 46.10  
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 The owner of a motorcycle may apply for a snowmobile registration  
8 as provided in section 1 of this act and under the terms of this  
9 chapter to use the motorcycle, when properly converted, as a snow  
10 bike for the purposes of this chapter.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 46.61  
12 RCW to read as follows:

13 A person may operate a motorcycle, that previously had been  
14 converted to a snow bike, upon a public road, street, or highway of  
15 this state if:

16 (1) The person files a motorcycle highway use declaration, as  
17 provided under section 1 of this act, with the department certifying  
18 conformance with all applicable federal motor vehicle safety  
19 standards and state standards while in use as a motorcycle upon  
20 public roads, streets, or highways;

21 (2) The person obtains a valid driver's license and motorcycle  
22 endorsement issued to Washington residents in compliance with chapter  
23 46.20 RCW for a motorcycle; and

24 (3) The motorcycle conforms to all applicable federal motor  
25 vehicle safety standards and state standards.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 46.04  
27 RCW to read as follows:

28 "Snow bike" means a motorcycle or off-road motorcycle that has  
29 been modified with a conversion kit to include (1) an endless belt  
30 tread or cleats or similar means for the purposes of propulsion on  
31 snow and (2) a ski or sled type runner for the purposes of steering.

32 **Sec. 5.** RCW 46.10.300 and 2010 c 161 s 225 are each reenacted  
33 and amended to read as follows:

34 The following definitions apply throughout this chapter unless  
35 the context clearly requires otherwise.

1 (1) "All terrain vehicle" means any self-propelled vehicle other  
2 than a snowmobile, capable of cross-country travel on or immediately  
3 over land, water, snow, ice, marsh, swampland, and other natural  
4 terrain, including, but not limited to, four-wheel vehicles,  
5 amphibious vehicles, ground effect or air cushion vehicles, and any  
6 other means of land transportation deriving motive power from any  
7 source other than muscle or wind; except any vehicle designed  
8 primarily for travel on, over, or in the water, farm vehicles, or any  
9 military or law enforcement vehicles.

10 (2) "Commission" means the Washington state parks and recreation  
11 commission.

12 (3) "Committee" means the Washington state parks and recreation  
13 commission snowmobile advisory committee.

14 (4) "Dealer" means a person, partnership, association, or  
15 corporation engaged in the business of selling snowmobiles or all  
16 terrain vehicles at wholesale or retail in this state.

17 (5) "Highway" means the entire width of the right-of-way of a  
18 primary and secondary state highway, including any portion of the  
19 interstate highway system.

20 (6) "Hunt" means any effort to kill, injure, capture, or disturb  
21 a wild animal or wild bird.

22 (7) "Public roadway" means the entire width of the right-of-way  
23 of any road or street designed and ordinarily used for travel or  
24 parking of motor vehicles, which is controlled by a public authority  
25 other than the Washington state department of transportation, and  
26 which is open as a matter of right to the general public for ordinary  
27 vehicular traffic.

28 (8) "Snowmobile" means both "snowmobile" as defined in RCW  
29 46.04.546 and "snow bike" as defined in section 4 of this act.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** This act takes effect April 1, 2019.

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