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By Senators Sellar, Owen, Patterson, West, Vognild, Bauer and Thorsness.

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1 AN ACT Relating to the use of Washington state patrol approved
2 audio headsets and earphones by motorcyclists; and amending RCW
3 46.37.480.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.37.480 and 1988 c 227 s 6 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (1) No person shall drive any motor vehicle equipped with any
8 television viewer, screen, or other means of visually receiving a
9 television broadcast which is located in the motor vehicle at any point
10 forward of the back of the driver's seat, or which is visible to the
11 driver while operating the motor vehicle.

12 (2) No person shall operate any motor vehicle on a public highway
13 while wearing any headset or earphones connected to any electronic
14 device capable of receiving a radio broadcast or playing a sound

1 recording for the purpose of transmitting a sound to the human auditory
2 senses and which headset or earphones muffle or exclude other sounds.
3 This subsection does not apply to students and instructors
4 participating in a Washington state motorcycle safety program.

5 (3) This section does not apply to authorized emergency vehicles or
6 to motorcyclists wearing a helmet with built-in headsets or earphones
7 as approved by the Washington state patrol.