
SENATE BILL 6112

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By Senator Horn

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1 AN ACT Relating to requirements for operating a motorcycle on
2 Washington highways; amending RCW 46.20.505, 46.20.515, and 46.30.020;
3 and adding a new section to chapter 82.12 RCW.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.20.505 and 1999 c . . . (SB 5374) s 9 are each
6 amended to read as follows:

7 Every person applying for a special endorsement of a driver's
8 license authorizing such person to drive a motorcycle or a motor-driven
9 cycle shall pay (~~(an examination)~~) a fee of two dollars which is not
10 refundable. In addition, the endorsement fee for the initial
11 motorcycle endorsement shall be six dollars and the subsequent renewal
12 endorsement fee shall be fourteen dollars. The initial and renewal
13 endorsement fees shall be deposited in the motorcycle safety education
14 account of the highway safety fund.

15 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.20.515 and 1999 c . . . (SB 5374) s 11 are each
16 amended to read as follows:

17 The motorcycle endorsement examination must emphasize maneuvers
18 necessary for on-street operation, including emergency braking and

1 turning as may be required to avoid an impending collision. The
2 department may waive all or part of the examination for persons who
3 satisfactorily complete the voluntary motorcycle operator training and
4 education program authorized under RCW 46.20.520.

5 **Sec. 3.** RCW 46.30.020 and 1991 sp.s. c 25 s 1 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (1)(a) No person may operate a motor vehicle subject to
8 registration under chapter 46.16 RCW in this state unless the person is
9 insured under a motor vehicle liability policy with liability limits of
10 at least the amounts provided in RCW 46.29.090, is self-insured as
11 provided in RCW 46.29.630, is covered by a certificate of deposit in
12 conformance with RCW 46.29.550, or is covered by a liability bond of at
13 least the amounts provided in RCW 46.29.090. Written proof of
14 financial responsibility for motor vehicle operation must be provided
15 on the request of a law enforcement officer in the format specified
16 under RCW 46.30.030.

17 (b) A person who drives a motor vehicle that is required to be
18 registered in another state that requires drivers and owners of
19 vehicles in that state to maintain insurance or financial
20 responsibility shall, when requested by a law enforcement officer,
21 provide evidence of financial responsibility or insurance as is
22 required by the laws of the state in which the vehicle is registered.

23 (c) When asked to do so by a law enforcement officer, failure to
24 display an insurance identification card as specified under RCW
25 46.30.030 creates a presumption that the person does not have motor
26 vehicle insurance.

27 (d) Failure to provide proof of motor vehicle insurance is a
28 traffic infraction and is subject to penalties as set by the supreme
29 court under RCW 46.63.110 or community service.

30 (2) If a person cited for a violation of subsection (1) of this
31 section appears in person before the court and provides written
32 evidence that at the time the person was cited, he or she was in
33 compliance with the financial responsibility requirements of subsection
34 (1) of this section, the citation shall be dismissed. In lieu of
35 personal appearance, a person cited for a violation of subsection (1)
36 of this section may, before the date scheduled for the person's
37 appearance before the court, submit by mail to the court written
38 evidence that at the time the person was cited, he or she was in

1 compliance with the financial responsibility requirements of subsection
2 (1) of this section, in which case the citation shall be dismissed
3 without cost, except that the court may assess court administrative
4 costs of twenty-five dollars at the time of dismissal.

5 (3) The provisions of this chapter shall not govern(~~(+~~
6 ~~(a))~~) the operation of a motor vehicle registered under RCW
7 46.16.305(1), governed by RCW 46.16.020, or registered with the
8 Washington utilities and transportation commission as common or
9 contract carriers(~~(+)~~), or

10 (~~(b))~~) the operation of a (~~(motorcycle as defined in RCW~~
11 ~~46.04.330, a))~~) motor-driven cycle as defined in RCW 46.04.332, or a
12 moped as defined in RCW 46.04.304.

13 (4) RCW 46.29.490 shall not be deemed to govern all motor vehicle
14 liability policies required by this chapter but only those certified
15 for the purposes stated in chapter 46.29 RCW.

16 NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. A new section is added to chapter 82.12 RCW
17 to read as follows:

18 This chapter does not apply to the use of motorcycles that are
19 loaned to the department of licensing exclusively for purposes of
20 providing motorcycle training under RCW 46.20.520, or to persons
21 contracting with the department to provide such training.

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