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1 AN ACT Relating to motorcycles at traffic signals; adding a new  
2 section to chapter 46.61 RCW; and providing an effective date.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 46.61 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the operator  
7 of a motorcycle approaching an intersection that is controlled by a  
8 traffic control signal using a vehicle detection device that is  
9 inoperative due to the size of the motorcycle shall come to a full and  
10 complete stop at the intersection and, after exercising due care as  
11 provided by law, may proceed with due caution when it is safe to do so.  
12 It is not a defense to a violation of RCW 46.61.050 that the driver of  
13 a motorcycle proceeded under the belief that a traffic control signal  
14 used a vehicle detection device or was inoperative due to the size of  
15 the motorcycle when the signal did not use a vehicle detection device  
16 or that any such device was not in fact inoperative due to the size of  
17 the motorcycle.

1        NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 2.**   This act takes effect July 1, 2004.

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