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HOUSE BILL 1176

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By Representatives Morris, Dickerson and Upthegrove

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1            AN ACT Relating to operation of a motorcycle between traffic lanes;  
2 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.

12           (3) Except during periods of traffic congestion, no person shall  
13 operate a motorcycle between lanes of traffic or between adjacent lines  
14 or rows of vehicles.

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

17           (5) Subsections (2) and (3) of this section shall not apply to

1 police officers in the performance of their official duties.

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