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**Transportation Committee**

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**HB 2160**

**Brief Description:** Regarding the operation of motorcycles between lanes of traffic or vehicles.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Curtis, Lovick, Upthegrove, O'Brien, Moeller and Sells.

**Brief Summary of Bill**

- Allows motorcycles to operate between lanes of traffic during periods of traffic congestion.

**Hearing Date:** 2/21/07

**Staff:** David Munnecke (786-7315).

**Background:**

A motorcycle operator is prohibited from operating his or her vehicle between lanes of traffic or between lines or rows of vehicles. A motorcycle operator is also prohibited from overtaking or passing in the same lane occupied by the vehicle that is being overtaken.

**Summary of Bill:**

A person is allowed to operate a motorcycle between lanes of traffic or between adjacent lines or rows of vehicles if:

- the average speed of traffic is half or less than half of the posted speed limit;
- there are two or more lanes of traffic proceeding in the same direction; and
- a reasonable and prudent operator of a motorcycle would consider it safe to operate a motorcycle between the lanes of traffic at no more than 10 miles per hour over the average speed of traffic at that time.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Effective Date:** The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

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