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By House Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Shea, Taylor, MacEwen, Schmick, Holy, Short, Kagi, Orcutt, Overstreet, Rodne, Klippert, Hargrove, Condotta, and Parker)

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1 AN ACT Relating to conversion kits on motorcycles; amending RCW
2 46.04.330 and 46.20.500; reenacting and amending RCW 46.81A.010; and
3 creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that persons with
6 disabilities, including many veterans, have a right to recreational
7 enjoyment of the great outdoors. Washington state is known for its
8 scenic beauty and abundant resources, which are frequently enjoyed by
9 its residents. As such, it is the intent of the legislature to ensure
10 that certain privileges, including the use of a motorcycle, extend to
11 persons with disabilities whenever responsible accommodations can be
12 made to fulfill the person's enjoyment of what the state has to offer
13 in recreational enjoyment.

14 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.04.330 and 2009 c 275 s 2 are each amended to read
15 as follows:

16 "Motorcycle" means a motor vehicle designed to travel on not more
17 than three wheels (~~(in contact with the ground)~~), not including any
18 stabilizing conversion kits, on which the driver:

1 (1) Rides on a seat or saddle and the motor vehicle is designed to
2 be steered with a handlebar; or

3 (2) Rides on a seat in a partially or completely enclosed seating
4 area that is equipped with safety belts and the motor vehicle is
5 designed to be steered with a steering wheel.

6 "Motorcycle" excludes a farm tractor, a power wheelchair, an
7 electric personal assistive mobility device, a motorized foot scooter,
8 an electric-assisted bicycle, and a moped.

9 **Sec. 3.** RCW 46.20.500 and 2009 c 275 s 4 are each amended to read
10 as follows:

11 (1) No person may drive either a two-wheeled or a three-wheeled
12 motorcycle, or a motor-driven cycle unless such person has a valid
13 driver's license specially endorsed by the director to enable the
14 holder to drive such vehicles.

15 (2) However, a person sixteen years of age or older, holding a
16 valid driver's license of any class issued by the state of the person's
17 residence, may operate a moped without taking any special examination
18 for the operation of a moped.

19 (3) No driver's license is required for operation of an electric-
20 assisted bicycle if the operator is at least sixteen years of age.
21 Persons under sixteen years of age may not operate an electric-assisted
22 bicycle.

23 (4) No driver's license is required to operate an electric personal
24 assistive mobility device or a power wheelchair.

25 (5) No driver's license is required to operate a motorized foot
26 scooter. Motorized foot scooters may not be operated at any time from
27 a half hour after sunset to a half hour before sunrise without
28 reflectors of a type approved by the state patrol.

29 (6) A person holding a valid driver's license may operate a
30 motorcycle as defined under RCW 46.04.330(2) without a motorcycle
31 endorsement.

32 (7) A person operating a motorcycle with a stabilizing conversion
33 kit must have a valid driver's license specially endorsed by the
34 director for a three-wheeled motorcycle to enable the holder to operate
35 such a motorcycle.

1 **Sec. 4.** RCW 46.81A.010 and 2003 c 353 s 11 and 2003 c 41 s 4 are
2 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

3 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in
4 this section apply throughout this chapter.

5 (1) "Motorcycle skills education program" means a motorcycle rider
6 skills training program to be administered by the department.

7 (2) "Department" means the department of licensing.

8 (3) "Director" means the director of licensing.

9 (4) "Motorcycle" (~~means a motor vehicle designed to travel on not~~
10 ~~more than three wheels in contact with the ground, on which the driver~~
11 ~~rides astride the motor unit or power train and is designed to be~~
12 ~~steered with a handlebar, but excluding farm tractors, electric~~
13 ~~personal assistive mobility devices, mopeds, motorized foot scooters,~~
14 ~~motorized bicycles,)~~ has the same meaning as provided in RCW 46.04.330
15 and excludes off-road motorcycles.

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