

---

SENATE BILL 5141

---

State of Washington

62nd Legislature

2011 Regular Session

By Senators Rockefeller, Haugen, Delvin, Benton, Kilmer, Swecker, Hatfield, Sheldon, Shin, and Roach

Read first time 01/17/11. Referred to Committee on Transportation.

1 AN ACT Relating to limiting the issuance of motorcycle instruction  
2 permits; and amending RCW 46.20.510.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.20.510 and 2002 c 352 s 17 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 (1) **Motorcycle instruction permit.** A person holding a valid  
7 driver's license who wishes to learn to ride a motorcycle may apply for  
8 a motorcycle instruction permit. The department may issue a motorcycle  
9 instruction permit after the applicant has successfully passed all  
10 parts of the motorcycle examination other than the driving test. The  
11 director shall collect a fee of fifteen dollars for the motorcycle  
12 instruction permit or renewal, and deposit the fee in the motorcycle  
13 safety education account of the highway safety fund.

14 (2) **Effect of motorcycle instruction permit.** A person holding a  
15 motorcycle instruction permit may drive a motorcycle upon the public  
16 highways if the person has immediate possession of the permit and a  
17 valid driver's license. An individual with a motorcyclist's  
18 instruction permit may not carry passengers and may not operate a  
19 motorcycle during the hours of darkness.

1           (3) **Term of motorcycle instruction permit.**     A motorcycle  
2 instruction permit is valid for ninety days from the date of issue.

3           (a) The department may issue one additional ninety-day permit.

4           (b) The department may issue a third and final motorcycle  
5 instruction permit (~~((if it finds after an investigation that the~~  
6 ~~permittee is diligently seeking to improve driving proficiency))~~ upon  
7 presentation of documented evidence that the permittee is enrolled in  
8 a motorcycle skills education program as authorized in RCW 46.81A.020  
9 with a class start date prior to the expiration of the third permit.

--- END ---