

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## SHB 1334

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Concerning conversion kits on motorcycles.

**Sponsors:** House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Shea, Taylor, MacEwen, Schmick, Holy, Short, Kagi, Orcutt, Overstreet, Rodne, Klippert, Hargrove, Condotta and Parker).

**House Committee on Transportation**  
**Senate Committee on Transportation**

### **Background:**

Motorcycle means a motor vehicle designed to travel on not more than three wheels in contact with the ground, on which the driver:

- rides on a seat or saddle and the motor vehicle is designed to be steered with a handlebar; or
- rides on a seat in a partially or completely enclosed seating area that is equipped with safety belts and the motor vehicle is designed to be steered with a steering wheel.

Motorcycle skills training programs are available for two-wheeled and three-wheeled motorcycles. The operator of a motorcycle must have the appropriate two-wheeled or three-wheeled driver's license endorsement in order to operate a two- or three-wheeled motorcycle in Washington.

Private industry has developed equipment kits that may be added to a motorcycle to provide additional stability. There are some states that authorize the use of stabilization kits.

### **Summary:**

The definition of a "motorcycle" in the motor vehicle code is revised to mean a motor vehicle designed to travel on not more than three wheels not including any stabilizing conversion kits.

The definition of a "motorcycle" in the Motorcycle Skills Education Program is updated to be the same as the motor vehicle code definition and to clarify that it excludes off-road motorcycles.

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The use of stabilizing conversion kits on motorcycles is authorized. A person operating a motorcycle with a stabilizing conversion kit must have a valid driver's license specially endorsed for a three-wheeled motorcycle.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

House	92	0	
Senate	47	0	(Senate amended)
House	95	0	(House concurred)

**Effective:** July 28, 2013