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SENATE BILL 6301

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By Senator Becker

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1 AN ACT Relating to bicycle operator identification; adding a new  
2 chapter to Title 46 RCW; prescribing penalties; and providing an  
3 effective date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The definitions in this section apply  
6 throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

7 (1) "Bicycle" has the same meaning as provided in RCW 46.04.071.

8 (2) "Bicycle operator identification number" means a unique number  
9 identifying the operator of a bicycle that must be displayed by the  
10 operator when using a bicycle on any public street, road, highway,  
11 trail, sidewalk, or other recreation facility. The number must be at  
12 least six inches in height and be comprised of a material that has  
13 reflective properties such that it is visible in both day and nighttime  
14 operating conditions.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) Any person age eighteen or older that  
16 operates a bicycle in the state must have and display a current bicycle  
17 operator identification number when operating a bicycle. Exceptions to

1 this requirement may be made by the department for races or other  
2 events where the display of the operator identification number would  
3 interfere with identification for race or event purposes.

4 (2) A bicycle owner must apply for an original bicycle operator  
5 identification number to the department, county auditor or other agent,  
6 or subagent appointed by the director on a form furnished by the  
7 department. The application must contain:

- 8 (a) The name and residence address of the applicant;
- 9 (b) Any other information that the department may require.

10 (3) The applicant must sign the application for an original bicycle  
11 operator identification number. The application for an original  
12 bicycle operator identification number must be accompanied by a fee of  
13 twenty dollars. The fee must be deposited into the bicycle safety and  
14 education account created in section 4 of this act.

15 (4) The annual bicycle identification number is valid for one year  
16 and may be renewed each subsequent year.

17 (5) The department must issue an original or renewal bicycle  
18 operator identification number upon receipt of:

- 19 (a) A properly completed application for an original bicycle  
20 operator identification number; and
- 21 (b) The payment of twenty dollars that is due at the time of  
22 application.

23 (6) The bicycle operator identification number must be displayed on  
24 the bicycle operator at all times during the operation of a bicycle in  
25 this state. A bicycle operator must display the identification number  
26 in a manner that makes the entire identification number visible as  
27 directed by the department.

28 (7) Any operator of a bicycle, whose primary residence address is  
29 outside of the state, when operating a bicycle in this state, must  
30 comply with this chapter. The out-of-state operator must obtain a  
31 bicycle operator identification number.

32 (8) The department may adopt rules to implement the bicycle  
33 operator identification number program.

34 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) Failure to operate a bicycle in  
35 compliance with section 2 of this act is a traffic infraction with a  
36 penalty of twenty dollars for the first offense. The court may dismiss

1 the infraction or reduce the penalty if the person provides sufficient  
2 proof that the person has obtained a valid bicycle operator  
3 identification number.

4 (2) The penalty for a second infraction is thirty dollars.

5 (3) The penalty for a third infraction is forty dollars.

6 (4) The penalty for a fourth or subsequent infraction is equal to  
7 the penalty prescribed for other traffic infractions as provided in the  
8 penalty schedule adopted pursuant to RCW 46.63.110.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The bicycle safety and education account is  
10 created in the multimodal transportation account. All receipts from  
11 bicycle operator identification numbers collected pursuant to section  
12 2 of this act must be deposited into the account. Moneys in the  
13 account may be spent only after appropriation. Expenditures from the  
14 account may be used only for grants administered by the department of  
15 transportation in the following manner: (1) Seventy-five percent to  
16 support the construction, preservation, and maintenance of bicycle  
17 lanes and other bicycle-related capital facilities; and (2) twenty-five  
18 percent to bicycle safety-related education programs.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** Sections 1 through 4 of this act constitute  
20 a new chapter in Title 46 RCW.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** This act takes effect July 1, 2016.

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