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By Senators Swecker, Murray and Keiser; by request of Department of Licensing, Washington Traffic Safety Commission and Washington State Patrol

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1 AN ACT Relating to motorcycle driver's license endorsement and  
2 education; and amending RCW 46.20.505, 46.81A.020, 46.82.420, and  
3 28A.220.080.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.20.505 and 2003 c 41 s 2 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7 Every person applying for a special endorsement of a driver's  
8 license authorizing such person to drive a two or three-wheeled  
9 motorcycle or a motor-driven cycle shall pay a fee of five dollars,  
10 which is not refundable. In addition, the endorsement fee for the  
11 initial motorcycle endorsement shall not exceed ten dollars, and the  
12 subsequent renewal endorsement fee shall not exceed twenty-five  
13 dollars, unless the endorsement is renewed or extended for a period  
14 other than five years, in which case the subsequent renewal endorsement  
15 fee shall not exceed five dollars for each year that the endorsement is  
16 renewed or extended. ((The initial and renewal endorsement)) Fees  
17 collected under this section shall be deposited in the motorcycle  
18 safety education account of the highway safety fund.

1       **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.81A.020 and 2003 c 41 s 5 are each amended to read  
2 as follows:

3       (1) The director shall administer and enforce the law pertaining to  
4 the motorcycle skills education program as set forth in this chapter.

5       (2) The director may adopt and enforce reasonable rules that are  
6 consistent with this chapter.

7       (3) The director shall revise the Washington motorcycle safety  
8 program to:

9       (a) Institute separate novice and advanced motorcycle skills  
10 education courses for both two-wheeled and three-wheeled motorcycles  
11 that are each a minimum of eight hours and no more than sixteen hours  
12 at a cost of (i) no more than fifty dollars for Washington state  
13 residents under the age of eighteen, and (ii) no more than one hundred  
14 twenty-five dollars for Washington state residents who are eighteen  
15 years of age or older and military personnel of any age stationed in  
16 Washington state;

17       (b) Encourage the use of loaned or used motorcycles for use in the  
18 motorcycle skills education course if the instructor approves them;

19       (c) Require all instructors for two-wheeled motorcycles to conduct  
20 at least three classes in a one-year period, and all instructors for  
21 three-wheeled motorcycles to conduct at least one class in a one-year  
22 period, to maintain their teaching eligibility((÷

23       ~~(d) Encourage the use of radio or intercom equipped helmets when,~~  
24 ~~in the opinion of the instructor, radio or intercom equipped helmets~~  
25 ~~improve the quality of instruction)).~~

26       (4) The department may enter into agreements to review and certify  
27 that a private motorcycle skills education course meets educational  
28 standards equivalent to those required of courses conducted under the  
29 motorcycle skills education program. An agreement entered into under  
30 this subsection must provide that the department may conduct periodic  
31 audits to ensure that educational standards continue to meet those  
32 required for courses conducted under the motorcycle skills education  
33 program, and that the costs of the review, certification, and audit  
34 process will be borne by the party seeking certification.

35       (5) The department shall obtain and compile information from  
36 applicants for a motorcycle endorsement regarding whether they have  
37 completed a state approved or certified motorcycle skills education  
38 course.

1       **Sec. 3.** RCW 46.82.420 and 2006 c 219 s 12 are each amended to read  
2 as follows:

3       (1) The advisory committee shall consult with the department in the  
4 development and maintenance of a basic minimum required curriculum and  
5 the department shall furnish to each qualifying applicant for an  
6 instructor's license or a driver training school license a copy of such  
7 curriculum.

8       (2) In addition to information on the safe, lawful, and responsible  
9 operation of motor vehicles on the state's highways, the basic minimum  
10 required curriculum shall include information on:

11       (a) Intermediate driver's license issuance, passenger and driving  
12 restrictions and sanctions for violating the restrictions, and the  
13 effect of traffic violations and collisions on the driving privileges;

14       (b) The effects of alcohol and drug use on motor vehicle operators,  
15 including information on drug and alcohol related traffic injury and  
16 mortality rates in the state of Washington and the current penalties  
17 for driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol; and

18       (c) Motorcycle awareness, approved by the (~~Motorcycle Safety~~  
19 ~~Foundation~~) director, to ensure new operators of motor vehicles have  
20 been instructed in the importance of safely sharing the road with  
21 motorcyclists.

22       (3) Should the director be presented with acceptable proof that any  
23 licensed instructor or driver training school is not showing proper  
24 diligence in teaching such basic minimum curriculum as required, the  
25 instructor or school shall be required to appear before the advisory  
26 committee and show cause why the license of the instructor or school  
27 should not be revoked for such negligence. If the committee does not  
28 accept such reasons as may be offered, the director may revoke the  
29 license of the instructor or school, or both.

30       **Sec. 4.** RCW 28A.220.080 and 2004 c 126 s 1 are each amended to  
31 read as follows:

32       The superintendent of public instruction shall include information  
33 on motorcycle awareness, approved by the (~~Motorcycle Safety~~  
34 ~~Foundation~~) director of licensing, in instructional material used in  
35 traffic safety education courses, to ensure new operators of motor

1 vehicles have been instructed in the importance of safely sharing the  
2 road with motorcyclists.

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