

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT  
**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5263**

63rd Legislature  
2013 Regular Session

Passed by the Senate February 25, 2013  
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**President of the Senate**

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**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Approved

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5263** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Secretary**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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**By** Senate Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Benton and King)

READ FIRST TIME 02/07/13.

1       AN ACT Relating to motorcycles overtaking and passing pedestrians  
2 and bicyclists; and amending RCW 46.61.608.

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

4       **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.61.608 and 1975 c 62 s 46 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6       (1) All motorcycles are entitled to full use of a lane and no motor  
7 vehicle shall be driven in such a manner as to deprive any motorcycle  
8 of the full use of a lane. This subsection shall not apply to  
9 motorcycles operated two abreast in a single lane.

10       (2) The operator of a motorcycle shall not overtake and pass in the  
11 same lane occupied by the vehicle being overtaken. However, this  
12 subsection shall not apply when the operator of a motorcycle overtakes  
13 and passes a pedestrian or bicyclist while maintaining a safe passing  
14 distance of at least three feet.

15       (3) No person shall operate a motorcycle between lanes of traffic  
16 or between adjacent lines or rows of vehicles.

17       (4) Motorcycles shall not be operated more than two abreast in a  
18 single lane.

1           (5) Subsections (2) and (3) of this section shall not apply to  
2 police officers in the performance of their official duties.

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