

# Senate Bill 420

Sponsored by Senator KRUSE (Presession filed.)

## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Allows operators of motorcycles and mopeds to pass vehicles in same lane during traffic jams or slowdowns. Allows operators of motorcycles and mopeds to travel between lanes of traffic or between adjacent lines or rows of vehicles during traffic jams or slowdowns.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to unlawful passing; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 814.240.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 814.240 is amended to read:

5 814.240. (1) A motorcycle operator or moped operator commits the offense of motorcycle or  
6 moped unlawful passing in a lane with a vehicle if the operator does any of the following:

7 (a) Overtakes and passes in the same lane occupied by the vehicle the operator is overtaking,  
8 unless the vehicle being passed is a motorcycle or a moped.

9 (b) Operates a [*moped or*] motorcycle **or moped** between lanes of traffic or between adjacent  
10 lines or rows of vehicles.

11 **(2) A motorcycle operator or moped operator does not commit the offense of motorcycle**  
12 **or moped unlawful passing in a lane with a vehicle if at the time the conduct described in**  
13 **subsection (1) of this section occurs:**

14 (a) **Traffic is stopped or has slowed to a speed of less than 25 miles per hour; and**

15 (b) **The motorcycle operator or moped operator is traveling at a speed of 35 miles per**  
16 **hour or less.**

17 [(2)] (3) This section does not apply to a police officer in the performance of official duties.

18 [(3)] (4) The offense described in this section, motorcycle or moped unlawful passing in a lane  
19 with a vehicle, is a Class B traffic violation.

20 **SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 814.240 by section 1 of this 2015 Act apply to of-**  
21 **fenses occurring on or after the effective date of this 2015 Act.**

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**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.