
HOUSE BILL 1255

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By Representative Orcutt

1 AN ACT Relating to motorcycle steering equipment requirements;
2 and amending RCW 46.37.530.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.37.530 and 2009 c 275 s 5 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) It is unlawful:

7 (a) For any person to operate a motorcycle, moped, or motor-
8 driven cycle not equipped with mirrors on the left and right sides
9 which shall be so located as to give the driver a complete view of
10 the highway for a distance of at least (~~two-hundred~~) 200 feet to
11 the rear of the motorcycle, moped, or motor-driven cycle: PROVIDED,
12 That mirrors shall not be required on any motorcycle or motor-driven
13 cycle over (~~twenty-five~~) 25 years old originally manufactured
14 without mirrors and which has been restored to its original condition
15 and which is being ridden to or from or otherwise in conjunction with
16 an antique or classic motorcycle contest, show, or other such
17 assemblage: PROVIDED FURTHER, That no mirror is required on any
18 motorcycle manufactured prior to January 1, 1931;

19 (b) For any person to operate a motorcycle, moped, or motor-
20 driven cycle which does not have a windshield unless wearing glasses,

1 goggles, or a face shield of a type conforming to rules adopted by
2 the state patrol;

3 (c) For any person to operate or ride upon a motorcycle, motor-
4 driven cycle, or moped on a state highway, county road, or city
5 street unless wearing upon his or her head a motorcycle helmet except
6 when the vehicle is an antique motor-driven cycle or when the vehicle
7 is equipped with all of the following:

8 (i) Steering wheel or handlebars;

9 (ii) Seat belts that conform to standards prescribed under 49
10 C.F.R. Part 571; and

11 (iii) Partially or completely enclosed seating area for the
12 driver and passenger that is certified by the manufacturer as meeting
13 the standards prescribed under 49 C.F.R. Sec. 571.216.

14 The motorcycle helmet neck or chin strap must be fastened
15 securely while the motorcycle, moped, or motor-driven cycle is in
16 motion. Persons operating electric-assisted bicycles and motorized
17 foot scooters shall comply with all laws and regulations related to
18 the use of bicycle helmets;

19 (d) For any person to transport a child under the age of five on
20 a motorcycle or motor-driven cycle;

21 (e) For any person to sell or offer for sale a motorcycle helmet
22 that does not meet the requirements established by this section.

23 (2) The state patrol may adopt and amend rules concerning
24 standards for glasses, goggles, and face shields.

25 (3) For purposes of this section, "motorcycle helmet" means a
26 protective covering for the head consisting of a hard outer shell,
27 padding adjacent to and inside the outer shell, and a neck or chin
28 strap type retention system, with the manufacturer's certification
29 applied in accordance with 49 C.F.R. Sec. 571.218 indicating that the
30 motorcycle helmet meets standards established by the United States
31 department of transportation.

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