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By Senate Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators King, Hobbs, Dammeier, Rolfes, Hill, Rivers, Lias, Mullet, Billig, and Pedersen)

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1 AN ACT Relating to allowing bicycles and mopeds to stop and
2 proceed through traffic control signals under certain conditions; and
3 amending RCW 46.61.184.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.61.184 and 2014 c 167 s 1 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the
8 operator of a bicycle, moped, or street legal motorcycle approaching
9 an intersection, including a left turn intersection, that is
10 controlled by a triggered traffic control signal using a vehicle
11 detection device that is inoperative due to the size or composition
12 of the bicycle, moped, or street legal motorcycle shall come to a
13 full and complete stop at the intersection. If the traffic control
14 signal, including the left turn signal, as appropriate, fails to
15 operate after one cycle of the traffic signal, the operator may,
16 after exercising due care, proceed directly through the intersection
17 or proceed to turn left, as appropriate. It is not a defense to a
18 violation of RCW 46.61.050 that the ((~~driver~~))operator of a bicycle,
19 moped, or motorcycle proceeded under the belief that a traffic
20 control signal used a vehicle detection device or was inoperative due
21 to the size or composition of the bicycle, moped, or motorcycle when

1 the signal did not use a vehicle detection device or that any such
2 device was not in fact inoperative due to the size or composition of
3 the bicycle, moped, or motorcycle. For purposes of this section,
4 "bicycle" includes a bicycle, as defined in RCW 46.04.071, and an
5 electric-assisted bicycle, as defined in RCW 46.04.169.

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