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HOUSE BILL 2567

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By Representatives Haugen, Jones and Orr

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1            AN ACT Relating to high-performance super cycles; and amending RCW  
2 46.20.500, 46.20.510, and 46.20.515.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.20.500 and 1982 c 77 s 1 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6            No person may drive a motorcycle or a motor-driven cycle unless  
7 such person has a valid driver's license specially endorsed by the  
8 (~~director~~) department to enable the holder to drive such vehicles,  
9 nor may a person drive a motorcycle of a type or of a larger engine  
10 displacement than that authorized by such special endorsement or by an  
11 instruction permit for such category(~~PROVIDED, That~~). However,  
12 any person sixteen years of age or older, holding a valid driver's  
13 license of any class issued by the state of the person's residence, may

1 operate a moped without taking any special examination for the  
2 operation of a moped.

3 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.20.510 and 1989 c 337 s 9 are each amended to read  
4 as follows:

5 (1) There shall be (~~three~~) four categories for the special  
6 motorcycle endorsement of a driver's license. Category one shall be  
7 for motorcycles or motor-driven cycles having an engine displacement of  
8 one hundred fifty cubic centimeters or less. Category two shall be for  
9 motorcycles having an engine displacement of five hundred cubic  
10 centimeters or less. Category three shall include categories one and  
11 two, and shall be for motorcycles having an engine displacement of five  
12 hundred one cubic centimeters or more. Category four includes  
13 categories one, two, and three, and is for high-performance super  
14 cycles as defined by rule of the department.

15 (2) The department may issue a motorcyclist's instruction permit to  
16 an individual who wishes to learn to ride a motorcycle or obtain an  
17 endorsement of (~~a larger~~) another endorsement category for a period  
18 not to exceed ninety days. This motorcyclist's instruction permit may  
19 be renewed for an additional ninety days. The (~~director~~) department  
20 shall collect a two dollar and fifty cent fee for the motorcyclist's  
21 instruction permit or renewal, and the fee shall be deposited in the  
22 motorcycle safety education account of the highway safety fund. This  
23 permit and a valid driver's license with current endorsement, if any,  
24 shall be carried when operating a motorcycle. An individual with a  
25 motorcyclist's instruction permit may not carry passengers, may not  
26 operate a motorcycle during the hours of darkness or on a fully-  
27 controlled, limited-access facility, and shall be under the direct  
28 visual supervision of a person with a motorcycle endorsement of the  
29 appropriate category and at least five years' riding experience.

1       **Sec. 3.** RCW 46.20.515 and 1982 c 77 s 4 are each amended to read  
2 as follows:

3       The motorcycle endorsement examination for each type or  
4 displacement category shall emphasize maneuvers necessary for on-street  
5 operation, including emergency braking and turning as may be required  
6 to avoid an impending collision.