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1 AN ACT Relating to motorcycles; and amending RCW 46.37.530 and
2 46.37.535.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.37.530 and 1990 c 270 s 7 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) It is unlawful:

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

1 (b) For any person to operate a motorcycle or motor-driven cycle
2 which does not have a windshield unless wearing glasses, goggles, or a
3 face shield of a type conforming to rules adopted by the state patrol;

4 (c) For any person under the age of eighteen to operate or ride
5 upon a motorcycle, motor-driven cycle, or moped on a state highway,
6 county road, or city street unless wearing upon his or her head a
7 protective helmet of a type conforming to rules adopted by the state
8 patrol except when the vehicle is an antique motor-driven cycle or
9 automobile that is licensed as a motorcycle or when the vehicle is
10 equipped with seat belts and roll bars approved by the state patrol.
11 The helmet must be equipped with either a neck or chin strap which
12 shall be fastened securely while the motorcycle or motor-driven cycle
13 is in motion;

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

16 (e) For any person to sell or offer for sale a motorcycle helmet
17 which does not meet the requirements established by the state patrol.

18 (2) The state patrol is hereby authorized and empowered to adopt
19 and amend rules, pursuant to the administrative procedure act,
20 concerning the standards and procedures for conformance of rules
21 adopted for glasses, goggles, face shields, and protective helmets.

22 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.37.535 and 1990 c 270 s 8 are each amended to read
23 as follows:

24 It is unlawful for any person to rent out motorcycles, motor-driven
25 cycles, or mopeds unless the person also has on hand for rent helmets
26 of a type conforming to rules adopted by the state patrol.

27 It shall be unlawful for any person under the age of eighteen to
28 rent a motorcycle, motor-driven cycle, or moped unless the person has
29 in his or her possession a helmet of a type approved by the state
30 patrol, regardless of from whom the helmet is obtained.

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