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1 AN ACT Relating to motorcycle equipment; and amending RCW 46.37.530
2 and 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))~~ (1) For any person to operate a motorcycle or motor-driven
8 cycle not equipped with mirrors on the left and right sides of the
9 motorcycle which shall be so located as to give the driver a complete
10 view of the highway for a distance of at least two hundred feet to the
11 rear of the motorcycle or motor-driven cycle: PROVIDED, That mirrors
12 shall not be required on any motorcycle or motor-driven cycle over
13 twenty-five years old originally manufactured without mirrors and which
14 has been restored to its original condition ~~((and which is being ridden
15 to or from or otherwise in conjunction with an antique or classic
16 motorcycle contest, show, or other such assemblage))~~: PROVIDED
17 FURTHER, That no mirror is required on any motorcycle manufactured
18 prior to January 1, 1931;

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

5 ~~((c))~~ (3) For any person under the age of twenty-one years to
6 operate or ride upon a motorcycle~~((r))~~ or motor-driven cycle~~((r or~~
7 ~~moped))~~ on a state highway, county road, or city street unless wearing
8 upon his or her head a protective helmet ~~((of a type conforming to~~
9 ~~rules adopted by the state patrol))~~ except when the vehicle is an
10 antique motor-driven cycle twenty-five years or older, or an automobile
11 that is licensed as a motorcycle, or ~~((when the))~~ a vehicle ~~((is))~~
12 equipped with seat belts and roll bars ~~((approved by the state~~
13 ~~patrol))~~. The helmet must be equipped with either a neck or chin strap
14 which shall be fastened securely while the motorcycle or motor-driven
15 cycle is in motion;

16 ~~((d))~~ (4) For any person to transport a child under the age of
17 five on a motorcycle or motor-driven cycle~~((r~~

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

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

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

26 It is unlawful for any person to rent out motorcycles~~((r motor-~~
27 ~~driven cycles, or mopeds))~~ unless the person also has helmets on hand
28 for rent ~~((helmets of a type conforming to rules adopted by the state~~
29 ~~patrol))~~.

30 It shall be unlawful for any person to rent a motorcycle, motor-
31 driven cycle, or moped unless the person has in his or her possession
32 a helmet ~~((of a type approved by the state patrol, regardless of from~~
33 ~~whom the helmet is obtained))~~.

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