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Sponsor(s): Senators Mulliken, T. Sheldon, Zarelli, Benton and Carlson

Brief Description: Revising motorcycle helmet use requirements.

SB 6535 - DIGEST

Declares it is unlawful for any person twenty-one years old or older to operate or ride upon a motorcycle, motor-driven cycle, or moped on a state highway, county road, or city street unless wearing upon his or her head a motorcycle helmet except when the operator: (1) Is driving an antique motor-driven cycle at least twenty-five years old;

(2) Is driving an automobile that is licensed as a motorcycle;

(3) Is driving a vehicle equipped with seat belts and roll bars;

(4) Is covered by a health insurance plan providing the operator with at least ten thousand dollars in medical benefits for injuries incurred as a result of an accident while operating or riding on a motorcycle; or

(5) Has successfully completed a motorcycle skills education program under chapter 46.81A RCW.

Declares that it is unlawful for any person twenty-one years of age or older to rent a motorcycle, motor-driven cycle, or moped unless the person has in his or her possession a motorcycle helmet as defined in RCW 46.37.530, except if the person is covered by a health insurance plan providing the operator with at least ten thousand dollars in medical benefits for injuries incurred as a result of an accident while operating or riding on a motorcycle, or has successfully completed a motorcycle skills education program under chapter 46.81A RCW.