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1 AN ACT Relating to modifying the operation of motorcycles on
2 roadways laned for traffic; amending RCW 46.61.608; and prescribing
3 penalties.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.61.608 and 2013 c 139 s 1 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (1) All motorcycles are entitled to full use of a lane and no
8 motor vehicle shall be driven in such a manner as to deprive any
9 motorcycle of the full use of a lane. This subsection shall not apply
10 to motorcycles operated two abreast in a single lane.

11 (2) The operator of a motorcycle (~~shall not~~) may overtake and
12 pass in the same lane occupied by the vehicle being overtaken.
13 (~~However, this subsection shall not apply when the operator of a~~
14 ~~motorcycle overtakes and passes a pedestrian or bicyclist while~~
15 ~~maintaining a safe passing distance of at least three feet.))~~

16 (3) No person shall operate a motorcycle between lanes of traffic
17 or between adjacent lines or rows of vehicles unless the operator of
18 a motorcycle is traveling at a rate of speed no more than ten miles
19 per hour over the speed of traffic flow and not more than thirty-five
20 miles per hour. Any operator of a motor vehicle that intentionally
21 impedes or attempts to prevent any operator of a motorcycle from

1 operating his or her motorcycle as permitted under this subsection is
2 guilty of a traffic infraction.

3 (4) Motorcycles shall not be operated more than two abreast in a
4 single lane.

5 (5) Subsection(~~s—(2)—and~~) (3) of this section shall not apply
6 to police officers in the performance of their official duties.

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