

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5263

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MOTORCYCLES--PASSING PEDESTRIANS AND BICYCLISTS

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President of the Senate

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FRANK CHOPP

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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JAY INSLEE

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5263** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

HUNTER G. GOODMAN

Secretary

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State of Washington**

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By Senate Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Benton and King)

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1 AN ACT Relating to motorcycles overtaking and passing pedestrians
2 and bicyclists; and amending RCW 46.61.608.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.61.608 and 1975 c 62 s 46 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

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

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

15 (3) No person shall operate a motorcycle between lanes of traffic
16 or between adjacent lines or rows of vehicles.

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

1 (5) Subsections (2) and (3) of this section shall not apply to
2 police officers in the performance of their official duties.

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