

sides of the waters spanned or crossed by such bridge shall be maintained or operated or permitted or allowed: PROVIDED, That ferries and other similar means of crossing actually in existence and being maintained and operated, or for which there was outstanding an existing and lawfully issued franchise, at the time of the location of such bridge and prior to the time of the authorization of such ((~~revenue~~)) bonds, may continue and be permitted to be operated and maintained under such existing rights and franchises, or any lawful renewal or extension thereof. The provisions of this section shall be binding upon the state department of transportation, the state of Washington, and all of its departments, agencies, or instrumentalities as well as any and all private, political, municipal, and public corporations and subdivisions, including cities, counties, and other political subdivisions, and the prohibitions of this section shall restrict and limit the powers of the legislature of the state of Washington in respect to the matters herein mentioned as long as any of such bonds are outstanding and unpaid and shall be deemed to constitute a contract to that effect for the benefit of the holders of all such bonds.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 20. There is appropriated from the motor vehicle fund to the department of transportation for the biennium ending June 30, 1981, the sum of one million dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary for the purpose of surveys, location, design, right of way, and all other things preliminary to the construction of the bridge and its approaches. All funds expended from this appropriation shall be considered a loan and shall be repaid to the motor vehicle fund upon the sale of bonds for this project.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 21. If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 22. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

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CHAPTER 213

[Substitute Senate Bill No. 2097]

MOPEDS

AN ACT Relating to mopeds; amending section 46.04.330, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 and RCW 46.04.330; amending section 28, chapter 154, Laws of 1963 and RCW 46.04.332;

amending section 46.04.670, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 and RCW 46.04.670; amending section 1, chapter 232, Laws of 1967 and RCW 46.20.500; amending section 46.44.050, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 as amended by section 12, chapter 64, Laws of 1975-'76 2nd ex. sess. and RCW 46.44.050; adding a new section to chapter 46.04 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 46.16 RCW; and adding new sections to chapter 46.61 RCW.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is added to chapter 46.04 RCW a new section to read as follows:

"Moped" means any two-wheeled or three-wheeled device having fully operative pedals for propulsion by human power and a motor with a cylinder displacement not exceeding fifty cubic centimeters which produces no more than two gross brake horsepower (developed by a prime mover, as measured by a brake applied to the driving shaft) and is capable of propelling the device at a maximum speed of not more than thirty miles per hour on level ground, and the wheels of which are at least sixteen inches in diameter.

The state commission on equipment may approve of and define as a "moped" a vehicle which fails to meet these specific criteria, but which is essentially similar in performance and application to vehicles which do meet these specific criteria.

Sec. 2. Section 46.04.330, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 and RCW 46.04-.330 are each amended to read as follows:

"Motorcycle" means every motor vehicle having a saddle for the use of the rider and designed to travel on not more than three wheels in contact with the ground, but excluding a farm tractor and a moped.

Sec. 3. Section 28, chapter 154, Laws of 1963 and RCW 46.04.332 are each amended to read as follows:

"Motor-driven cycle" means every motorcycle, including every motor scooter, with a motor which produces not to exceed five brake horsepower (developed by a prime mover, as measured by a brake applied to the driving shaft)((~~and every bicycle with motor attached~~)). A motor driven cycle does not include a moped.

Sec. 4. Section 46.04.670, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 and RCW 46.04-.670 are each amended to read as follows:

"Vehicle" includes every device capable of being moved upon a public highway and in, upon, or by which any persons or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a public highway, excepting devices moved by human or animal power or used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks, except that mopeds shall be considered vehicles or motor vehicles for the purposes of chapter 46.12 RCW, but not for the purposes of chapter 46.70 RCW.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. There is added to chapter 46.16 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Application for registration of a moped shall be made to the department of licensing in such manner and upon such forms as the department shall prescribe, and shall state the name and address of each owner of the moped to be registered, the vehicle identification number, and such other information as the department may require, and shall be accompanied by a registration fee of three dollars. Upon receipt of the application and the application fee, the moped shall be registered and a registration number assigned, which shall be affixed to the moped in the manner as provided by rules adopted by the department. The registration provided in this section shall be valid for a period of twelve months.

Every owner of a moped in this state shall renew the registration, in such manner as the department shall prescribe, for an additional period of twelve months, upon payment of a renewal fee of three dollars.

Any person acquiring a moped already validly registered must, within fifteen days of the acquisition or purchase of the moped, make application to the department for transfer of the registration, and the application shall be accompanied by a transfer fee of one dollar.

The registration fees provided in this section shall be in lieu of any personal property tax or the vehicle excise tax imposed by chapter 82.44 RCW.

The department shall, at the time the registration number is assigned, make available a decal or other identifying device to be displayed on the moped. A fee of one dollar and fifty cents shall be charged for the decal or other identifying device.

The provisions of RCW 46.01.130 and 46.01.140 shall apply to applications for the issuance of registration numbers or renewals or transfers thereof for mopeds as they do to the issuance of vehicle licenses, the appointment of agents, and the collection of application fees. Except for the fee collected pursuant to RCW 46.01.140, all fees collected under this section shall be deposited in the motor vehicle fund.

Sec. 6. Section 1, chapter 232, Laws of 1967 and RCW 46.20.500 are each amended to read as follows:

No person shall drive a motorcycle, as defined in RCW 46.04.330, or a motor-driven cycle, as defined in RCW 46.04.332 as now or hereafter amended, unless such person has a valid driver's license specially endorsed by the director to enable the holder to drive such vehicles: **PROVIDED, That any person sixteen years of age or older, holding a valid driver's license of any class issued by the state of the person's residence, may operate a moped without taking any special examination for the operation of a moped.**

Sec. 7. Section 46.44.050, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 as amended by section 12, chapter 64, Laws of 1975-'76 2nd ex. sess. and RCW 46.44.050 are each amended to read as follows:

It shall be unlawful to operate any vehicle upon public highways with a wheelbase between any two axles thereof of less than three feet, six inches

when weight exceeds that allowed for one axle under RCW 46.44.042 or 46.44.041. It shall be unlawful to operate any motor vehicle upon the public highways of this state with a wheelbase between the frontmost axle and the rearmost axle of less than three feet, six inches; PROVIDED, That the minimum wheelbase for mopeds is thirty-eight inches.

For the purposes of this section, wheelbase shall be measured upon a straight line from center to center of the vehicle axles designated.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 8. There is added to chapter 46.61 RCW a new section to read as follows:

(1) No person shall operate a moped upon the highways of this state unless the moped has been assigned a moped registration number and displays a moped permit in accordance with the provisions of section 5 of this 1979 act.

(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a moped may not be operated on a bicycle path or trail, bikeway, equestrian trail, or hiking or recreational trail.

(3) Operation of a moped on a fully controlled limited access highway or on a sidewalk is unlawful.

(4) Removal of any muffling device or pollution control device from a moped is unlawful.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 9. There is added to chapter 46.61 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Mopeds shall comply with those federal motor vehicle safety standards established under the national traffic vehicle safety act of 1966 (15 U.S.C. Sec. 1381, et. seq.) which are applicable to a motor-driven cycle, as that term is defined in such federal standards.

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CHAPTER 214

[Substitute Senate Bill No. 2374]

RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION, DEFERRAL—ASSESSMENT VALUATION

AN ACT Relating to revenue and taxation; amending section 1, chapter 182, Laws of 1974 ex. sess. as last amended by section 1, chapter 268, Laws of 1977 ex. sess. and RCW 84.36.381; amending section 2, chapter 182, Laws of 1974 ex. sess. as amended by section 15, chapter 291, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. and RCW 84.36.383; amending section 3, chapter 182, Laws of 1974 ex. sess. as amended by section 2, chapter 268, Laws of 1977 ex. sess. and RCW 84.36.385; amending section 5, chapter 182, Laws of 1974 ex. sess. and RCW 84.36.389; amending section 27, chapter 291, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. and RCW 84.38.020; amending section 28, chapter 291, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. and RCW 84.38.030; amending section 29, chapter 291, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. and RCW 84.38.040; amending section 30, chapter 291, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. and RCW 84.38.050;