

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1436**

Chapter 262, Laws of 2019

66th Legislature  
2019 Regular Session

SNOW BIKES--CONCURRENT REGISTRATION OF MOTORCYCLE

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Yeas 98 Nays 0

FRANK CHOPP

**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

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Yeas 48 Nays 0

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**President of the Senate**

Approved May 7, 2019 10:28 AM

JAY INSLEE

**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1436** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

BERNARD DEAN

**Chief Clerk**

FILED

May 13, 2019

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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**By** House Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Mosbrucker, Wylie, Orcutt, Pettigrew, Goodman, Irwin, and Griffey)

READ FIRST TIME 02/20/19.

1            AN ACT Relating to snow bikes; reenacting and amending RCW  
2 46.10.300; adding a new section to chapter 46.16A RCW; adding a new  
3 section to chapter 46.10 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 46.61  
4 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 46.04 RCW; and providing an  
5 effective date.

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

7            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 46.16A  
8 RCW to read as follows:

9            (1) It is the intent of the legislature to create a concurrent  
10 licensing process to allow the owner of a motorcycle to maintain  
11 concurrent but separate registrations for the vehicle, for use as a  
12 motorcycle and for use as a snow bike.

13            (2) The department shall allow the owner of a motorcycle to  
14 maintain concurrent licenses for the vehicle for use as a motorcycle  
15 and for use as a snow bike. When the vehicle is registered as a  
16 motorcycle, the terms of the registration are those under this  
17 chapter that apply to motorcycles, including applicable fees. When  
18 the vehicle is registered as a snow bike, the terms of the  
19 registration are those under chapter 46.10 RCW that apply to  
20 snowmobiles, including applicable fees.

1 (3) The department shall establish a declaration subject to the  
2 requirements of RCW 9A.72.085, which must be submitted by the  
3 motorcycle owner when initially applying for a snowmobile  
4 registration under chapter 46.10 RCW for the use of the converted  
5 motorcycle as a snow bike. The declaration must include a statement  
6 signed by the owner that a motorcycle that had been previously  
7 converted to a snow bike must conform with all applicable federal  
8 motor vehicle safety standards and state standards while in use as a  
9 motorcycle upon public roads, streets, or highways. Once submitted by  
10 the motorcycle owner, the declaration is valid until the vehicle is  
11 sold or the title is otherwise transferred.

12 (4) The department may adopt rules to implement this section.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 46.10  
14 RCW to read as follows:

15 The owner of a motorcycle may apply for a snowmobile registration  
16 as provided in section 1 of this act and under the terms of this  
17 chapter to use the motorcycle, when properly converted, as a snow  
18 bike for the purposes of this chapter.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 46.61  
20 RCW to read as follows:

21 A person may operate a motorcycle, that previously had been  
22 converted to a snow bike, upon a public road, street, or highway of  
23 this state if:

24 (1) The person files a motorcycle highway use declaration, as  
25 provided under section 1 of this act, with the department certifying  
26 conformance with all applicable federal motor vehicle safety  
27 standards and state standards while in use as a motorcycle upon  
28 public roads, streets, or highways;

29 (2) The person obtains a valid driver's license and motorcycle  
30 endorsement issued to Washington residents in compliance with chapter  
31 46.20 RCW for a motorcycle; and

32 (3) The motorcycle conforms to all applicable federal motor  
33 vehicle safety standards and state standards.

34 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 46.04  
35 RCW to read as follows:

36 "Snow bike" means a motorcycle or off-road motorcycle that has  
37 been modified with a conversion kit to include (1) an endless belt

1 tread or cleats or similar means for the purposes of propulsion on  
2 snow and (2) a ski or sled type runner for the purposes of steering.

3 **Sec. 5.** RCW 46.10.300 and 2010 c 161 s 225 are each reenacted  
4 and amended to read as follows:

5 The following definitions apply throughout this chapter unless  
6 the context clearly requires otherwise.

7 (1) "All terrain vehicle" means any self-propelled vehicle other  
8 than a snowmobile, capable of cross-country travel on or immediately  
9 over land, water, snow, ice, marsh, swampland, and other natural  
10 terrain, including, but not limited to, four-wheel vehicles,  
11 amphibious vehicles, ground effect or air cushion vehicles, and any  
12 other means of land transportation deriving motive power from any  
13 source other than muscle or wind; except any vehicle designed  
14 primarily for travel on, over, or in the water, farm vehicles, or any  
15 military or law enforcement vehicles.

16 (2) "Commission" means the Washington state parks and recreation  
17 commission.

18 (3) "Committee" means the Washington state parks and recreation  
19 commission snowmobile advisory committee.

20 (4) "Dealer" means a person, partnership, association, or  
21 corporation engaged in the business of selling snowmobiles or all  
22 terrain vehicles at wholesale or retail in this state.

23 (5) "Highway" means the entire width of the right-of-way of a  
24 primary and secondary state highway, including any portion of the  
25 interstate highway system.

26 (6) "Hunt" means any effort to kill, injure, capture, or disturb  
27 a wild animal or wild bird.

28 (7) "Public roadway" means the entire width of the right-of-way  
29 of any road or street designed and ordinarily used for travel or  
30 parking of motor vehicles, which is controlled by a public authority  
31 other than the Washington state department of transportation, and  
32 which is open as a matter of right to the general public for ordinary  
33 vehicular traffic.

34 (8) "Snowmobile" means both "snowmobile" as defined in RCW  
35 46.04.546 and "snow bike" as defined in section 4 of this act.

36 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** This act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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