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SENATE BILL No. 383

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Citations Affected: IC 9-19; IC 9-21.

Synopsis: Motorcycle equipment. Provides that a motorcycle may be equipped with: (1) a steering wheel; and (2) a platform for the operator and passenger. (Current law provides that a motorcycle may be equipped: (1) only with handlebars for purposes of steering and control; and (2) only with footrests or pegs.) Provides that the requirement to sit astride a motorcycle seat applies only if the motorcycle has only two wheels in contact with the ground.

Effective: Upon passage.

**Hershman, Charbonneau, Rogers,
Randolph**

January 12, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Homeland Security & Transportation.
February 3, 2015, reported favorably — Do Pass.
February 5, 2015, read second time, amended, ordered engrossed.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 9-19-7-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.221-2014,
2 SECTION 35, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 2. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), a
4 motorcycle or motor driven cycle operated on the streets or highways
5 by a resident of Indiana must meet the following requirements:
6 (1) Be equipped with:
7 (A) handlebars that rise not higher than the shoulders of the
8 driver when the driver is seated in the driver's seat or saddle;
9 **or**
10 (B) a steering wheel.
11 (2) Be equipped with brakes in good working order on both front
12 and rear wheels.
13 (3) Be equipped with footrests, **or** pegs, **or** a platform for both
14 operator and passenger.
15 (4) Be equipped with lamps and reflectors meeting the standards
16 of the United States Department of Transportation.

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1 (b) A motorcycle or motor driven cycle manufactured before
2 January 1, 1956, is not required to be equipped with lamps and other
3 illuminating devices under subsection (a) if the motorcycle or motor
4 driven cycle is not operated at the times when lighted head lamps and
5 other illuminating devices are required under IC 9-21-7-2.

6 SECTION 2. IC 9-21-10-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.221-2014,
7 SECTION 46, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
8 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 3. A person who operates a motorcycle or
9 motor driven cycle may not carry a package, bundle, or other article
10 that prevents the person from keeping both hands on the handlebars or
11 steering wheel.

12 SECTION 3. IC 9-21-10-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.221-2014,
13 SECTION 47, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
14 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 4. (a) **This section applies to:**

15 (1) a motorcycle; or

16 (2) a Class A motor driven cycle;

17 **that has only two (2) wheels in contact with the ground or**
18 **pavement.**

19 (b) A person may not:

20 (1) drive;

21 (2) operate; or

22 (3) ride as a passenger on;

23 a motorcycle or Class A motor driven cycle in a position other than
24 astride the seat or saddle provided.

25 SECTION 4. **An emergency is declared for this act.**



COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Homeland Security & Transportation, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 383, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill DO PASS.

(Reference is to SB 383 as introduced.)

YODER, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0

 SENATE MOTION

Madam President: I move that Senate Bill 383 be amended to read as follows:

Page 1, line 13, after "footrests" insert ",".

Page 1, line 13, strike "or".

Page 1, line 13, after "pegs" insert ", **or a platform**".

Page 2, between lines 11 and 12, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 3. IC 9-21-10-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.221-2014, SECTION 47, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 4. **(a) This section applies to:**

(1) a motorcycle; or

(2) a Class A motor driven cycle;

that has only two (2) wheels in contact with the ground or pavement.

(b) A person may not:

(1) drive;

(2) operate; or

(3) ride as a passenger on;

a motorcycle or Class A motor driven cycle in a position other than astride the seat or saddle provided."

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

(Reference is to SB 383 as printed February 4, 2015.)

HERSHMAN

