

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:	10 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Barton, Cameron, Garrett, Krieger, Olson, Shields, Smith J., Stiegler, Whisnant, Barker
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	3/16, 4/3

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Expands definition of “vulnerable user of public way” to include any farm tractor or implement of husbandry. Adds motorcycles to the definition of vulnerable user of a public way.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the measure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Adds motorcycles to the definition of vulnerable user of a public way.

BACKGROUND: This measure affects everyone, but particularly people living and working in rural areas. The idea for HB 2554 arose out of the death of man who was driving his tractor down the road and who was hit by another vehicle. The fact that the tractor had an enclosed shell did not save his life. Thus, it makes little sense to exclude such tractors from the vulnerable user statute when they present the same risks when using the road as tractors without enclosed shells. The addition of motorcycles is another logical application of the law.