

SB 385 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Authorizes motorcycle or moped operator to drive between adjacent lanes of traffic that are traveling in the same direction under specified circumstances. Requires that motorcycle or moped have two wheels and be driven at 20 miles per hour or less on highway with speed limit of 50 miles per hour or higher, while traffic is stopped or slowed to speed of 10 miles per hour or less.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Senate Bill 385 authorizes what is often referred to as a motorcycle "lane splitting." In 2016, California became the first state to expressly authorize lane splitting, directing the Department of California Highway Patrol to develop educational guidelines relating to lane splitting. Cal. Veh. Code 21658.1