



# TRAFFIC SAFETY LEGISLATION: 2025 UPDATE

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Bill statuses noted are accurate as of 4/17/25

# HB 1878: YOUNG DRIVERS

- ❖ Requires DOL to establish a program to provide vouchers to cover up to the average costs of driver training education courses for low-income drivers.
- ❖ Adds mandatory driver training education for new drivers who are 18 years old beginning January 1, 2027. Extends requirement through age 21 by January 2030. (Bottom line: Drivers born in 2009 and later will be subject to this requirement.)
- ❖ Requires new driver's license applicants under the age of 25, beginning May 1, 2026, and until January 1, 2031, to pass an online work zone and first responder safety course.
- ❖ Requires the Department of Licensing (DOL) to establish a program to expand education opportunities for driver training school instructors and a program to partner with tribal governments to provide young driver training education in tribal communities.
- ❖ Increases certain driver licensing and vehicle registration fees to fund the new programs.

Passed House 74-22

Passed Senate 38-11

Requires House Concurrence Vote



# HB 1596: INTELLIGENT SPEED ASSISTANCE DEVICES

- Requires the use of an intelligent speed assistance device, as a condition to a temporary restricted or occupational driver's license, under certain circumstances.
- Requires installation of speed limiter when the person has:
  - Reckless driving conviction (required for 150 days after license suspension ends)
  - 3 traffic infractions within 1 year, or 4 infractions within 2 years
  - **And** when one infraction includes 10+ mph over posted speed 40 mph or less or 20+ mph over posted speeds greater than 40 mph (During the first 120 days of the period of probation following 60-day license suspension)

Passed House 84-12

Passed Senate 40-8

Requires House Concurrence Vote



# SB 5595 SHARED STREETS

- Authorizes local authorities to designate a non-arterial highway a "shared street."
- Permits local authorities to establish maximum speed limits of 10 miles per hour on shared streets.
- Requires vehicular traffic traveling along a shared street to yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian, bicyclist, or operator of a micro-mobility device.
- Requires a bicyclist or micro-mobility device operator traveling along a shared street to yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian.



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# HB 1244: EDUCATION IN LIEU OF LICENSE SUSPENSION (DOL REQUEST)

- For a driver who has received three moving violation citations within one year or four citations within two years:
  - The person may complete a safe driving course
  - Upon completion of the course, DOL will terminate 60-day license suspension
  - This option is available to a driver one time in a five-year period
  - Does not prevent suspension for subsequent offenses during one-year probation period

Passed House 58-39  
Passed Senate 34-15



# BILLS THAT PASSED ONE CHAMBER BUT DID NOT PASS THE APRIL 16<sup>TH</sup> SECOND CHAMBER CUTOFF

These bills and others that did not pass  
will be reintroduced in 2026.

- SB 5374: Tribal Traffic Safety
- SB 5238: Adding speeding > 30 mph to Reckless Driving
- SB 5581: Safe System/Complete Streets: Shared Paths and Roundabouts
- HB 1423: Noise/Racing Enforcement Cameras Pilot Project



# BILLS THAT DID NOT PASS FIRST CHAMBER CUTOFF

- SB 5067: Reducing the per se BAC limit to 0.05 percent
- SB 5705: Increasing fines for repeat traffic infractions
- HB 1512: Limiting traffic stops (equipment/registration)
- HB 1110: Vacating convictions for DUI
- HB 1113: Authorizing courts to dismiss misdemeanor charges upon defendant's substantial compliance with court-ordered conditions

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