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**MEMORANDUM TO:**

All Chiefs of Police and  
Commissioner Thomas Carrique  
Chairs, Police Services Boards

**FROM:**

Stephen Beckett  
Assistant Deputy Minister  
Public Safety Division and Public Safety Training Division

**SUBJECT:**

**Amendment to the Highway Traffic Act of Ontario  
Regulation 620/05 (HOV Occupancy Vehicles) –  
Permitting Single Occupant Motorcycles in HOV Lanes**

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At the request of the Ministry of Transportation, I am sharing a communication regarding an amendment to Regulation 620/05 (HOV Occupancy Vehicles) under the *Highway Traffic Act*.

Please review the attached memo from Assistant Deputy Minister John Lieou, which outlines that effective **July 1, 2019**, single occupant motorcycles will be permitted to operate in provincial High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes.

If you require further information, please contact Michael Casey at (416) 585-7255.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Beckett".

Stephen Beckett  
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Attachment

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June 25, 2019

**Memorandum to:** Stephen Beckett  
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**From:** John Lieou  
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Ministry of Transportation

**Re: Amendment to the Highway Traffic Act of Ontario  
Regulation 620/05 (High Occupancy Vehicles) –  
Permitting Single Occupant Motorcycles in HOV Lanes**

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This memorandum is to advise that effective July 1, 2019, single occupant motorcycles will be permitted to operate in provincial High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes.

This amendment applies to the provincial HOV lanes operating on Highways, 403, 404, 410, 417, 427 and the Queen Elizabeth Way (QEW) and any future lanes as identified in regulation. There is no impact of this amendment to municipal roadways.

Provincial HOV highway signage will be updated beginning July 1, 2019 to reflect the new exemption for motorcycles. An example of the updated sign is attached below.

I would ask that you bring this memorandum to the attention of the appropriate members of your service. If members of the law enforcement community would like to discuss the amendment, they may contact Michael Casey, manager in the Ministry's Transportation Planning Branch at 416-585-7255.

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John Lieou  
Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy and Planning Division  
Ministry of Transportation

Attachment

## New Highway Signage

- HOV highway signage will be updated to the sign depicted below to include the exemption for motorcycles.

