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Present law defines "autocycle" to mean an enclosed motorcycle that is equipped with safety belts, rollbar or roll cage, windshield wipers, steering wheel, and equipment otherwise required on a motorcycle and that has no more than three wheels in contact with the roadway at any one time.

Proposed law removes requirement for windshield wipers from the definition of "autocycle" in present law.

Present law defines "roll cage" as used in the definition of "autocycle" to mean a hardtop enclosure protecting occupants from the elements that will support the vehicle's weight and is designed to protect the occupants when the vehicle is resting on this enclosure.

Proposed law changes the definition of "roll cage" used in the definition of "autocycle" to mean a support that will bear the vehicle's weight and is designed to protect the occupants when the vehicle is resting on this support.

Present law exempts persons operating or riding in an autocycle with a roof that meets or exceeds standards from having to wear a safety helmet. Also, defines "roll cage" in the context of autocycles for which the exemption applies.

Proposed law retains present law but changes "roof" to "support" and changes definition of "roll cage" in the context of an autocycle for which the exemption applies to mean a support that will bear the vehicle's weight and is so designed as to protect the occupants when the vehicle is resting on this support.

Present law exempts operators of autocycles with certain features from requirement to obtain a special endorsement on their driver's license.

Proposed law changes definition of "autocycle" in the context of an autocycle for which a special endorsement exemption applies to change seating area from a "completely enclosed" to a "side-by-side" seating area and to remove from the definition requirements for "airbag protection" and "antilock brakes".

Proposed law further changes the definition of "roll cage" as used in the definition of "autocycle" to mean a support that will bear the vehicle's weight and is so designed as to protect the occupants when the vehicle is resting on this support.

Effective August 1, 2016.

(Amends R.S. 32:1(1.1), 190(D), 401(2) and 408(C)(3))