

SENATE BILL NO. 50

BY SENATOR GARY SMITH

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:1(1.1), 190(D), 401(2), and 408(C)(3), relative to autocycles; to amend the definition of autocycle applicable to operators and passengers for a helmet exemption; to amend the definition of autocycle applicable for an exemption for certain driver's license endorsements for operators; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 32:1(1.1), 190(D), 401(2), and 408(C)(3) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§1. Definitions

When used in this Chapter, the following words and phrases have the meanings ascribed to them in this Section, unless the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

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(1.1)(a) "Autocycle" means ~~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~~ **a three-wheeled motorcycle on which the driver and all passengers ride in either a completely enclosed seating area or in a side-by-side seating area that is equipped with a rollbar or roll cage, safety belts for all occupants, and is designed to be controlled with a steering wheel and pedals.**

(b) For purposes of this Paragraph, **"rollbar" or "roll cage"** shall mean a ~~hardtop enclosure protecting occupants from the elements~~ **supports** that will support **bear** the vehicle's weight and ~~is~~ **are** so designed as to protect the occupants when the

1 vehicle is resting on ~~this enclosure~~ the supports.

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3 §190. Safety helmets

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5 D. This Section does not apply to a person operating or riding in an autocycle  
6 if the vehicle is equipped with a ~~roof~~ supports that ~~meets~~ meet or ~~exceeds~~ exceed  
7 the standards for a safety helmet or a rollbar or roll cage. As used in this  
8 Subsection, "rollbar" or "roll cage" shall mean a ~~hardtop enclosure protecting~~  
9 ~~occupants from the elements~~ supports that will ~~support~~ bear the vehicle's weight  
10 and ~~is~~ are so designed as to protect the occupants when the vehicle is resting on ~~this~~  
11 ~~enclosure~~ the supports.

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13 §401. Definitions

14 The following words and phrases when used in this Chapter shall have the  
15 meaning herein assigned unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

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17 (2)(a) "Autocycle" means a three-wheeled motorcycle on which the driver  
18 and all passengers ride in either a completely enclosed seating area or in a side-by-  
19 side seating area that is equipped with a rollbar or roll cage, safety belts for all  
20 occupants, ~~airbag protection, antilock brakes,~~ and is designed to be controlled with  
21 a steering wheel and pedals.

22 (b) For purposes of this Paragraph, "rollbar" or "roll cage" shall mean a  
23 ~~hardtop enclosure protecting occupants from the elements~~ supports that will ~~support~~  
24 bear the vehicle's weight and ~~is~~ are so designed as to protect the occupants when the  
25 vehicle is resting on ~~this enclosure~~ the supports.

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27 §408. Examination of applicants required; classes of licenses

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29 C.

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1                   (3) The provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection shall not apply to  
2                   autocycles as defined by R.S. ~~32:401(24)~~ **32:401(2)**. As such, the operation of an  
3                   autocycle shall not require a special endorsement but shall ~~only require~~ **require only**  
4                   that the operator hold a valid driver's license.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_