

SENATE BILL 2229

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 11;
Title 47 and Title 55, relative to operation of
autocycles and all-terrain vehicles.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-1-103(a), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting the following:

(a) "Autocycle" means a three-wheeled motorcycle that is equipped with safety belts, steering wheel, and nonstraddle seating, and is manufactured to comply with federal safety requirements for motorcycles.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-1-103(d), is amended by deleting the following language:

including a vehicle that is fully enclosed, has three (3) wheels in contact with the ground, weighs less than one thousand five hundred pounds (1,500 lbs.), and has the capacity to maintain posted highway speed limits, excluding

and substituting instead the language:

including an autocycle and does not include

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-17-102, is amended by deleting subdivision (1) in its entirety.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 17, Part 2, is amended by deleting the part in its entirety.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-8-181, is amended by adding the language "or autocycle" after the language "Every person operating a motorcycle" and before the language "is granted all of the rights".

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 47-25-1902, is amended by deleting subdivision (10) in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(10) "Motorcycle" means a motorcycle as defined in § 55-1-103;

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-8-182, is amended by deleting subsection (e) in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(e) Motorcycles that are autocycles shall not be operated more than two (2) abreast in a single lane.

(f) Subsections (b) and (c) shall not apply to police officers in the performance of their official duties.

SECTION 8. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-8-101, is amended by deleting subdivision (35) in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(35) "Motorcycle" has the same meaning in § 55-1-103;

SECTION 9. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-51-106, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection:

(c) This section shall not apply to insured operators of autocycles.

SECTION 10. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-301, is amended by deleting subdivision (a)(5) and substituting instead the following as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

A Class M license shall not be required for the operation of an autocycle.

SECTION 11. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-102(21)(D), is amended by deleting the language "enclosed motorcycles that weigh less than one thousand five hundred pounds (1,500 lbs.)" and substituting instead "autocycles".

SECTION 12. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 47-25-1902(1), is amended by deleting the language "in engine displacement to one thousand cubic centimeters (1,000 cc) or less and".

SECTION 13. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 11-11-203(3)(A), is amended by deleting the language "in engine displacement to one thousand cubic centimeters (1,000 cc) or less,".

SECTION 14. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 11-11-203(3)(B), is amended by deleting the language "in engine displacement to one thousand cubic centimeters (1,000 cc) or less and".

SECTION 15. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-8-101(1), is amended by deleting the language "in engine displacement to one thousand cubic centimeters (1,000 cc) or less and" wherever it appears.

SECTION 16. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-9-602(a), is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

A person who is operating an autocycle shall not carry a child as a passenger if such child would be required to be secured in a passenger car in a manner in accordance with this section.

SECTION 17. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-9-603(c), is amended by adding the language ", except autocycles as defined in § 55-1-103(a)" immediately after the language "are not required by federal law to be equipped with safety belts".

SECTION 18. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016, the public welfare requiring it.