

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Prior law defined "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.

New law changes the definition of "autocycle" to mean 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.

Prior law defined "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.

New 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.

Prior law exempted 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.

New law retains prior 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.

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

New 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".

New 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.

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