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Abstract: Modifies the definition of "autocycle" relative to motor vehicles and traffic regulation and changes the definition of "autocycle" applicable to an exemption for certain driver's license endorsements.

Present law specifies that safety helmet requirements applicable to motorcycles, motor-driven cycles, or motorized bicycles do not apply to a person operating or riding an autocycle if the vehicle is equipped with supports that meet or exceed the standards for a safety helmet or a rollbar or roll cage. Present law defines "autocycle" as 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 equipped with a rollbar or roll cage, safety belts for all occupants, and designed to be controlled with a steering wheel and pedals.

Proposed law modifies the definition in present law to include either a partially or completely enclosed seating area and changes the controlling design from a steering wheel to a steering mechanism.

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

Proposed law changes the definition of "autocycle" relative to the driver's license law for which a special endorsement exemption applies. Modifies the definition to include either a partially or completely enclosed seating area and changes the controlling design from a steering wheel to a steering mechanism.

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