

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing 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.

Prior law defined "autocycle" as a three-wheeled motorcycle on which the driver and all passengers rode in either a completely enclosed seating area or in a side-by-side seating area equipped with a rollbar or roll cage, with safety belts for all occupants, and designed to be controlled with a steering wheel and pedals.

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

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

New 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.

Effective August 1, 2021.

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