

2016 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 50

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MOTOR VEHICLES. Amends definition of autocycle applicable to operator's helmet exemption and driver's license endorsement requirement. (8/1/16)

1 AN ACT

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

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

10 §1. Definitions

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

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15 (1.1)(a) "Autocycle" means an enclosed motorcycle that is equipped with
16 safety belts, rollbar or roll cage, ~~windshield wipers~~, steering wheel, and equipment
17 otherwise required on a motorcycle and that has no more than three wheels in contact

1 with the roadway at any one time.

2 (b) For purposes of this Paragraph, "roll cage" shall mean a ~~hardtop enclosure~~
3 ~~protecting occupants from the elements~~ **support** that will ~~support~~ **bear** the vehicle's
4 weight and is so designed as to protect the occupants when the vehicle is resting on
5 this ~~enclosure~~ **support**.

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7 §190. Safety helmets

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

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16 §401. Definitions

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

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

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

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

Proposed 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.

Effective August 1, 2016.

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