
DIGEST

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HB No. 218

Abstract: Makes changes to the definition of "autocycle". Provides that the operator of an autocycle with certain features shall not be required to obtain an "M" endorsement. Further provides that the operator or passengers of an autocycle shall not be required to wear safety helmets if the autocycle is equipped with a roll cage.

Present law defines "autocycle" to mean an enclosed motorcycle that is equipped with safety belts, rollbar, windshield wipers, steering wheel, and equipment otherwise required on a motorcycle and which has no more than three wheels in contact with the roadway at any one time.

Proposed law retains present law and adds that an "autocycle" shall also include enclosed motorcycles with a roll cage.

Proposed law defines "roll cage" as used in the definition of "autocycle".

Present law exempts persons operating or riding in an autocycle with a roof that meets or exceeds standards from having to wear a safety helmet.

Proposed law retains present law and exempts persons operating or riding in an autocycle with a roll cage from having to wear a safety helmet. Also, defines "roll cage" in the context of autocycles for which the exemption applies.

Present law requires operators of motorcycles to obtain a special endorsement on their driver's license.

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

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(Amends R.S. 32:1(1.1) and 190(D); Adds R.S. 32:401(24) and 408(C)(3))