

1 HB489  
2 211038-2  
3 By Representative Meadows  
4 RFD: Public Safety and Homeland Security  
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SYNOPSIS: This bill would further provide for the definition of an autocycle to require the vehicle to be equipped with a roll cage or roll hoops, brakes that meet certain federal requirements, and a steering wheel or steering mechanism.

A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

Relating to motor vehicles; to amend Section 32-6A-1, Code of Alabama 1975, to further provide for the requirements of autocycles.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 32-6A-1, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"§32-6A-1.

"(a) For the purposes of this chapter, an "autocycle" means a motor vehicle that is designed to travel with three wheels on the ground, is equipped with a steering

1 wheel or steering mechanism, a roll cage or roll hoops, a seat  
2 belt for each occupant, brakes that meet the requirements of  
3 Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 122, and equipped  
4 ~~with~~ seating that does not require the operator to straddle or  
5 sit astride the seat~~;~~ and is manufactured and certified to  
6 comply with the applicable federal safety requirements for a  
7 ~~motorcycle including, but not limited to, Part 571 of Title~~  
8 ~~49, Code of Federal Regulations~~ motorcycle safety standards  
9 under 49 C.F.R. Part 571 by a manufacturer registered with the  
10 National Highway Transportation Safety Administration.

11 "(b) The operator of an autocycle shall be required  
12 to have a regular driver's license and shall not be required  
13 to have a Class M displayed on his or her driver's license or  
14 a Class M motorcycle license.

15 "~~(c) An autocycle shall be equipped with a seat~~  
16 ~~belt, and the~~ The operator of an autocycle shall be subject to  
17 the requirements of the seat belt law when operating the  
18 vehicle.

19 "(d) For the purposes of this title and Title 40, an  
20 autocycle shall be registered, taxed, and titled in the same  
21 manner as a motorcycle and shall otherwise be considered a  
22 motorcycle for the purposes of this title and Title 40.

23 "(e) A person 17 years of age or younger operating  
24 an autocycle shall be subject to the operating hours,  
25 exceptions, and suspensions provided in Section 32-6-7.2."

1                   Section 2. This act shall become effective on the  
2 first day of the third month following its passage and  
3 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.