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Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 6-A in paragraph B in subparagraph (2) (page 1, line 9 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "bar" the following: 'or enclosed cab'

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 6-A by striking out all of the last 3 lines (page 1, lines 12 to 14 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'The manufacturer's certificate of origin must state that the vehicle meets the federal specifications for a motorcycle.'

This subsection is repealed 90 days after the adjournment of the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature.'

Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 12 by adding at the end a new blocked paragraph to read:

'This subsection is repealed 90 days after the adjournment of the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature.'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 4 (page 1, lines 28 to 35 and page 2, line 1 in L.D.).

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 6 (page 2, lines 6 to 27 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'Sec. 6. 29-A MRSA §2089-A is enacted to read:

§ 2089-A. Operation of autocycles

A person operating an autocycle on a public way shall comply with the provisions of this chapter and with this section.

1. License required. A person operating an autocycle must possess a valid operator's license pursuant to section 1251.

2. State highway restrictions. An autocycle may not be operated on a road or street where the posted speed limit is greater than 45 miles per hour. An autocycle may cross, at an intersection, a road or street with a posted speed limit of more than 45 miles per hour. An autocycle may not be operated on any highway or segment of highway under the jurisdiction of the department in violation of any applicable rules and regulations of the department. An autocycle may only transport cargo in compliance with manufacturer specifications.

3. Municipal road restrictions. A municipality may prohibit the operation of an autocycle on any road under its jurisdiction if it determines that the prohibition is necessary in the interest of public safety.

4. Violation. A person who operates an autocycle in violation of subsection 2 commits a traffic infraction.

5. Repeal. This section is repealed 90 days after the adjournment of the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature.

Amend the bill by inserting after section 6 the following:

‘Sec. 7. Report. The Secretary of State, in consultation with the Commissioner of Transportation and the Chief of the State Police, shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters no later than February 1, 2011. The report must include the status of the registration and use of autocycles on public ways. After reviewing the report, the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters may submit legislation to the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature concerning the registration and use of autocycles on public ways.’

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment provides that an autocycle may be equipped with a roll bar or enclosed cab in order to meet the general safety inspection standards. The amendment provides that an autocycle may only transport cargo in compliance with manufacturer specifications. The amendment removes the requirement for protective headgear. The amendment removes the requirement that a person operating an autocycle must possess a valid operator's license of any class with a motorcycle endorsement or a motorcycle operator's license, and clarifies that a person operating an autocycle must possess a valid operator's license. Finally, the amendment requires the Secretary of State to submit a report to the 125th Legislature regarding autocycles and repeals the provisions of law regarding autocycles 90 days after adjournment of the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)