

1 S.151

2 Introduced by Senator Benning

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Motor vehicles; autocycles; helmets

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to amend the
7 definition of autocycle and to exempt all operators of autocycles from the
8 requirement to wear a helmet.

9 An act relating to autocycles

10 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

11 Sec. 1. 23 V.S.A. § 4(18) is amended to read:

12 (18)(A) "Motorcycle" shall mean any motor vehicle having a seat or
13 saddle for the use of the rider and designed to travel on not more than three
14 wheels in contact with the ground, and shall include autocycles but exclude
15 motor-driven cycles, golf carts, track driven vehicles, tractors, and electric
16 personal assistive mobility devices.

17 (B) "Autocycle" means a three-wheeled motorcycle:

18 (i) in which the occupants sit with their legs forward; and

19 (ii) ~~designed to be controlled with a steering wheel and~~

20 ~~pedals; and~~

1 (iii) equipped with safety belts for all occupants.

2 (C) ~~“Fully enclosed autocycle” means an autocycle equipped with a~~
3 ~~windshield and that has full top and side enclosures capable of supporting the~~
4 ~~vehicle’s weight and protecting the occupants when the vehicle is resting on~~
5 ~~the enclosures. [Repealed.]~~

6 Sec. 2. 23 V.S.A. § 1256 is amended to read:

7 § 1256. MOTORCYCLES—HEADGEAR

8 A person may not operate or ride upon a motorcycle upon a highway unless
9 he or she properly wears protective headgear of a type that conforms to the
10 federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards contained in 49 C.F.R. § 571.218, as
11 may be amended. The requirement of this section shall not apply to occupants
12 of ~~fully enclosed~~ autocycles.

13 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

14 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2018.