



ARIZONA STATE SENATE
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FINAL AMENDED
FACT SHEET FOR H.B. 2248

autocycles; definition; class D licenses

Purpose

Expands the definition of *autocycle* to allow for the seating area to be fully or partially enclosed and specifies that a class D driver license is needed for operation of an autocycle.

Background

An *autocycle* is a three-wheeled motorcycle on which the driver and passengers ride in a completely enclosed seating area that is equipped with a roll cage, safety belts for each occupant and antilock brakes and that is designed to be controlled with a steering wheel and pedals (A.R.S. § 28-101).

The Motor Vehicle Division (MVD) is one of six divisions within the Arizona Department of Transportation. Among several responsibilities, the MVD issues driver licenses, vehicle titles, and other related permits for the State of Arizona.

The MVD issues six classes of driver license valid for operating various types of vehicles. Current statute requires a class D driver license to operate any of the following: 1) a single motor vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating of 26,000 pounds or less; 2) a motor vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating of 26,000 pounds or less that tows a vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating of 10,000 pounds or less; 3) a motor vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating of 26,000 pounds or less that tows a vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating of more than 10,000 pounds, if the combined gross vehicle weight rating is 26,000 pounds or less; or 4) a motorized touring vehicle. A class M license is required for operating a motorcycle, motor driven cycle, or moped and is not required for the operation of an autocycle (A.R.S. § 28-3101).

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state General Fund associated with this legislation.

Provisions

1. Allows the seating area of an *autocycle* to be fully or partially completely enclosed.
2. Specifies that an autocycle is included in the requirement for a class D license to operate a single motor vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating of 26,000 pounds or fewer.
3. Makes technical and conforming changes.

4. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

Amendments Adopted by Committee of the Whole

- Requires the seating area of an autocycle to be fully or partially enclosed.

House Action

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Senate Action

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Signed by the Governor 3/14/16

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