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Senate Bill 390 (as introduced 5-23-13)
Sponsor: Senator John Moolenaar
Committee: Transportation

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to allow a person to operate an autocycle without a motorcycle endorsement on his or her license.

(The Code defines "autocycle" as an enclosed motorcycle that is equipped with safety belts, rollbar, windshield, wipers, steering wheel, and equipment otherwise required on a motorcycle, and that has not more than three wheels in contact with the roadway at any one time.)

The Code requires a person to obtain a motorcycle endorsement on his or her operator's or chauffeur's license before operating a motorcycle on a public street or highway. The bill would make an exception to this requirement for an autocycle.

The Code also provides that a motorcycle endorsement issued to a person who operates a three-wheeled motorcycle or an autocycle is restricted to operation of that type of motorcycle, and does not permit operation of a two-wheeled motorcycle. Under the bill, this would apply to an endorsement issued for the operation of a three-wheeled motorcycle other than an autocycle.

The Secretary of State must develop a driving test for an autocycle or a three-wheeled motorcycle. The bill would make an exception for an autocycle.

MCL 257.312a et seq.

Legislative Analyst: Glenn Steffens

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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