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Senate Bill 1120 (as introduced 10-18-16)
Sponsor: Senator Tom Casperson
Committee: Transportation

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to do the following:

- Revise the definition of "autocycle" to delete a requirement that such a vehicle be enclosed; allow it to be equipped with roll hoops; delete references to a windshield and wipers; and specify that an autocycle is not equipped with a straddle seat.**
- Include an autocycle in the definition of "motorcycle".**

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. Under the bill, the term would mean a motorcycle that is equipped with safety belts, rollbar or roll hoops, steering wheel, and equipment otherwise required on a motorcycle, has not more than three wheels in contact with the roadway at any one time, and is not equipped with a straddle seat.

Currently, "motorcycle" means every motor vehicle having a saddle or seat for the use of the rider and designed to travel on not more than three wheels in contact with the ground, excluding a tractor. The bill specifies that "motorcycle" would include an autocycle.

The bill would take effect 90 days after its enactment.

MCL 257.25a & 257.31

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have a minimal impact on the number of individuals who would not be required to have motorcycle endorsements based on revisions to definitions of "autocycle" and "motorcycle" contained in the bill.

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