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S.B. No. 1736

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the titling, registration, and operation of an
autocycle.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section [501.008](#), Transportation Code, is amended
to read as follows:

Sec. 501.008. TITLE FOR AUTOCYCLE. (a) In this section,
"autocycle" means a motor vehicle, other than a tractor, that is:

(1) designed to operate with [~~have when propelled not
more than~~] three wheels in contact with [~~on~~] the ground;

(2) equipped with a steering wheel; and

(3) equipped with seating that does not require the
operator to straddle or sit astride the seat[~~, and~~

[~~(4) manufactured and certified to comply with federal
safety requirements for a motorcycle~~].

(b) For purposes of issuing a title under this chapter, an
autocycle is considered to be a passenger car, as defined by Section
[541.201](#) [~~motorcycle~~].

SECTION 2. Section [502.005](#), Transportation Code, is amended
to read as follows:

Sec. 502.005. REGISTRATION OF AUTOCYCLE. (a) In this
section, "autocycle" has the meaning assigned by Section [501.008](#)
[~~means a motor vehicle, other than a tractor, that is:~~

[~~(1) designed to have when propelled not more than~~

1 ~~three wheels on the ground;~~
2 ~~[(2) equipped with a steering wheel;~~
3 ~~[(3) equipped with seating that does not require the~~
4 ~~operator to straddle or sit astride the seat; and~~
5 ~~[(4) manufactured and certified to comply with federal~~
6 ~~safety requirements for a motorcycle].~~

7 (b) For purposes of registering a vehicle under this
8 chapter, an autocycle is considered to be a passenger car
9 ~~[motorcycle].~~

10 SECTION 3. Section [521.083](#), Transportation Code, is amended
11 to read as follows:

12 Sec. 521.083. CLASS C LICENSE. (a) A Class C driver's
13 license authorizes the holder of the license to operate:

14 (1) a vehicle or combination of vehicles not described
15 by Section [521.081](#) or [521.082](#); and

16 (2) a vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating of
17 less than 26,001 pounds towing a farm trailer with a gross vehicle
18 weight rating that is not more than 20,000 pounds.

19 (b) A holder of a Class C driver's license is authorized to
20 operate an autocycle, as defined by Section [501.008](#), without
21 meeting the requirements of a Class M license.

22 SECTION 4. Section [521.085](#)(b), Transportation Code, is
23 amended to read as follows:

24 (b) Subsection (a) does not prohibit a license holder from
25 operating a lesser type of vehicle that is:

26 (1) a motorcycle described by Section [521.001](#)(a)(6-a)
27 ~~[or an autocycle as defined by Section [501.008](#)]; or~~

1 (2) a type of motorcycle defined by the department
2 under Section [521.001\(c\)](#) and designated by the department as
3 qualifying for operation under this section.

4 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.