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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES-AUTOCYCLES

Introduced By: Representatives Shekarchi, and Kennedy

Date Introduced: June 01, 2016

Referred To: House Judiciary

(by request)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 31-1 of the General Laws entitled "Definitions and General Code
2 Provisions" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **31-1-3.1. Autocycles.** -- (a) "Autocycle" means only those motor vehicles that:

4 (1) Do not have more than three (3) wheels in contact with the ground;

5 (2) Are designed to be controlled with a steering wheel and foot pedals for acceleration,
6 braking or shifting;

7 (3) Are equipped with seating that does not require occupants to straddle or sit astride the
8 seating; and

9 (4) Are manufactured and certified to comply with federal safety requirements for a
10 motorcycle.

11 (b) Except as otherwise provided in this title, an "autocycle" shall be considered to be a
12 "motorcycle" as defined in §31-1-3(1).

13 SECTION 2. Chapter 31-10.1 of the General Laws entitled "Special License for
14 Motorcycles, Motor Scooters, and Other Motor Driven Cycles" is hereby amended by adding
15 thereto the following section:

16 **31-10.1-6.1. Autocycles-Exemptions.** -- The provisions of §31-10.1-1 through §31-10.1-
17 6, inclusive, shall not apply to autocycles. Any person licensed as an operator or chauffeur
18 pursuant to chapter 31-10 may operate an autocycle.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would create a new classification of vehicle, an autocyple, which would be
- 2 considered a motorcycle for all purposes except as specifically exempted.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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