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autocycles and related equipment, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MOOLENAAR introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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standards for autocycles and related equipment, and for
other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Autocycle Safety Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARDS.**

6 (a) **DEFINED TERM.**—Section 30102(a) of title 49,
7 United States Code, is amended—

8 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (1) through
9 (13) as paragraphs (2) through (14), respectively;

10 and

1 (2) by inserting before paragraph (2), as rededesignated, the following:

3 “(1) ‘autocycle’ means a motorcycle with 3
4 wheels in contact with the ground, front-wheel drive,
5 a fully enclosed occupant compartment, and a steering
6 wheel, which is subject to applicable Federal
7 motor vehicle safety standards, as determined necessary
8 by the Secretary of Transportation through
9 regulation.”.

10 (b) APPLICABILITY OF MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY
11 STANDARDS TO AUTOCYCLES.—Chapter 301 of title 49,
12 United States Code, is amended—

13 (1) in the table of sections, by inserting after
14 the item relating to section 30114 the following:

“30114A. Autocycles.”;

15 and

16 (2) by inserting after section 30114 the following:

18 **“§ 30114A. Autocycles**

19 “(a) INTERIM SAFETY STANDARDS FOR
20 AUTOCYCLES.—During the period beginning on the date
21 of the enactment of the Autocycle Safety Act and ending
22 on the effective date of the rules issued pursuant to subsection
23 (b), a person satisfies the requirements set forth
24 in section 30112(a) with regard to an autocycle if the
25 autocycle—

1 “(1) complies with the motor vehicle safety
2 standards for passenger cars, as set forth in part
3 571 of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, relat-
4 ing to—

5 “(A) controls and displays (FMVSS 101);

6 “(B) lamps, reflective devices, and associ-
7 ated equipment (FMVSS 108), except for cen-
8 ter high-mounted stop lamps;

9 “(C) brake systems (FMVSS 135);

10 “(D) seating systems (FMVSS 207);

11 “(E) belted occupant crash protection
12 (FMVSS 208); and

13 “(F) seat belt assemblies (FMVSS 209);

14 “(2) complies with the motor vehicle safety
15 standards for motorcycles, as set forth in part 571
16 of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, relating
17 to—

18 “(A) new pneumatic tires (FMVSS 119);

19 and

20 “(B) tire selection and rims (FMVSS
21 120);

22 “(3) complies with the motor vehicle safety
23 standards for motorcycles or passenger cars (at the
24 option of such person), as set forth in part 571 of
25 title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, relating to—

1 “(A) brake hoses (FMVSS 106);

2 “(B) rearview mirrors (FMVSS 111), ex-
3 cept for inside rearview mirrors;

4 “(C) motor vehicle brake fluids (FMVSS
5 116); and

6 “(D) glazing materials (FMVSS 205);

7 “(4) meets the performance criteria relating to
8 upper interior impact set forth in FMVSS 201 to
9 the extent possible to reach the target points; and

10 “(5) is equipped with a steering wheel air bag,
11 anti-lock brakes, and electronic stability control.

12 “(b) RULEMAKING.—

13 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 3 years
14 after the date of the enactment of the Autocycle
15 Safety Act, the Secretary of Transportation shall
16 issue such final rules, interpretations, and test pro-
17 cedures in accordance with paragraphs (2) and (3)
18 as may be necessary for a person to satisfy the re-
19 quirements set forth in section 30112(a) with regard
20 to an autocycle.

21 “(2) DETERMINATION.—In determining which
22 motor vehicle safety standards are applicable to
23 autocycles under paragraph (1), the Secretary
24 shall—

1 “(A) apply appropriate motorcycle safety
2 standards to those aspects of an autocycle’s
3 performance that are appropriately regulated
4 through the motor vehicle safety standards ap-
5 plicable to motorcycles; and

6 “(B) apply appropriate passenger car safe-
7 ty standards to those aspects of an autocycle’s
8 performance regulated through motor vehicle
9 safety standards that are not otherwise appro-
10 priately regulated through a motorcycle stand-
11 ard.

12 “(3) OTHER REQUIREMENTS.—In issuing rules
13 to preserve autocycle safety pursuant to paragraph
14 (1), the Secretary shall—

15 “(A) provide autocycle manufacturers with
16 appropriate lead time to comply with the safety
17 standards set forth in such rules; and

18 “(B) comply with the requirements and
19 considerations set forth in subsections (a) and
20 (b) of section 30111.”.

21 “(c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 30112(a)
22 of title 49, United States Code, is amended—

23 “(1) in paragraph (1), by striking “sections
24 30113 and 30114” and inserting “sections 30113,
25 30114, and 30114A”; and

1 (2) in paragraph (3), by striking “section
2 30114,” and inserting “sections 30114 and
3 30114A,”.

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