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To amend title 49, United States Code, to prescribe safety standards for autocycles and related equipment, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MOOLENAAR (for himself, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. BISHOP of Michigan, and Mr. HUIZENGA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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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—

1 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (1) through
 2 (13) as paragraphs (2) through (14), respectively;
 3 and

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

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

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

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

“30114A. Autocycles.”;

18 and

19 (2) by inserting after section 30114 the following:
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21 **“§ 30114A. Autocycles**

22 “(a) INTERIM SAFETY STANDARDS FOR
 23 AUTOCYCLES.—During the period beginning on the date
 24 of the enactment of the Autocycle Safety Act and ending
 25 on the effective date of the rules issued pursuant to sub-

1 section (b), a person satisfies the requirements set forth
2 in section 30112(a) with regard to an autocycle if the
3 autocycle—

4 “(1) complies with the motor vehicle safety
5 standards for passenger cars, as set forth in part
6 571 of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, relat-
7 ing to—

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

9 “(B) lamps, reflective devices, and associ-
10 ated equipment (FMVSS 108), except for cen-
11 ter high-mounted stop lamps;

12 “(C) brake systems (FMVSS 135);

13 “(D) seating systems (FMVSS 207);

14 “(E) belted occupant crash protection
15 (FMVSS 208); and

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

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

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

22 and

23 “(B) tire selection and rims (FMVSS
24 120);

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

5 “(A) brake hoses (FMVSS 106);

6 “(B) rearview mirrors (FMVSS 111), ex-
7 cept for inside rearview mirrors;

8 “(C) motor vehicle brake fluids (FMVSS
9 116); and

10 “(D) glazing materials (FMVSS 205);

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

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

16 “(b) RULEMAKING.—

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

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

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

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

16 “(3) OTHER REQUIREMENTS.—In issuing rules
17 to preserve autocycle safety pursuant to paragraph
18 (1), the Secretary shall—

19 “(A) provide autocycle manufacturers with
20 appropriate lead time to comply with the safety
21 standards set forth in such rules; and

22 “(B) comply with the requirements and
23 considerations set forth in subsections (a) and
24 (b) of section 30111.”.

1 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 30112(a)
2 of title 49, United States Code, is amended—

3 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “sections
4 30113 and 30114” and inserting “sections 30113,
5 30114, and 30114A”; and

6 (2) in paragraph (3), by striking “section
7 30114,” and inserting “sections 30114 and
8 30114A,”.

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