

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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In Senate, December 22, 2017

### **An Act To Allow the Operation of Autocycles on Roads in Maine**

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on December 19, 2017. Referred to the Committee on Transportation pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox.

Cosponsored by Representative GILLWAY of Searsport and

Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, DIAMOND of Cumberland, JACKSON of Aroostook,

President THIBODEAU of Waldo, Representatives: GOLDEN of Lewiston, HERBIG of

Belfast, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, VACHON of Scarborough.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §101, sub-§6-C** is enacted to read:

3 **6-C. Autocycle.** "Autocycle" means an enclosed 3-wheeled motorcycle with  
4 automotive controls.

5 **Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §501, sub-§12-B** is enacted to read:

6 **12-B. Autocycles.** The Secretary of State may issue a registration for an autocycle  
7 upon application and payment of an annual fee of \$21. The registrant must provide a  
8 certificate of title required by section 651, proof of financial responsibility required by  
9 section 1601 and evidence of payment of the excise tax as required by Title 36, section  
10 1482, subsection 1, paragraph C. An autocycle registered under this section is issued a  
11 registration plate with the word "autocycle" instead of "Vacationland." The Secretary of  
12 State may issue a facsimile plate for a 60-day period.

13 **Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §1254, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 2005, c. 577, §16, is  
14 further amended to read:

15 **1. Motorcycles.** The Secretary of State may issue a license specifically endorsed for  
16 the operation of a motorcycle with the same requirements as a motor vehicle license. A  
17 motor vehicle license does not authorize operation of a motorcycle unless the license is  
18 endorsed for that vehicle. This subsection does not apply to the operation of an  
19 autocycle.

20 **Sec. 4. 29-A MRSA §2083, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 2017, c. 51, §§1 to 3, is  
21 further amended to read:

22 **1. Requirement.** The following persons must wear protective headgear:

23 A. If under 18 years of age, a passenger on a motorcycle or moped or in an attached  
24 side car;

25 B. If under 18 years of age, an operator of a motorcycle or moped;

26 C. An operator of a motorcycle or moped, operating under a learner's permit or  
27 within one year of successfully completing a driving test; and

28 D. A passenger of an operator required to wear headgear.

29 This subsection does not apply to an operator or passenger of an autocycle.

30 **Sec. 5. 29-A MRSA §2089-B** is enacted to read:

31 **§2089-B. Operation of autocycles**

32 A person operating an autocycle on a public way shall comply with the provisions of  
33 this chapter and with this section.

34 **1. License required.** A person operating an autocycle must possess a valid  
35 operator's license of any class.

