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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, the definition of  
9 motorcycle includes any vehicle having not more  
10 than three wheels on the ground.

11 This bill would define an autocycle as a  
12 motor vehicle which has three wheels on the ground,  
13 but has a steering wheel, and would be excluded  
14 from the definition of motorcycle for the purposes  
15 of the licensure of the driver. The driver of an  
16 autocycle would be required to have a regular motor  
17 vehicle driver's license.

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19 A BILL  
20 TO BE ENTITLED  
21 AN ACT

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23 Relating to motor vehicles; to define autocycle; and  
24 to provide for the operation of autocycles by persons having a  
25 valid driver's license.

26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

1           Section 1. (a) For the purposes of this act, an  
2 "autocycle" means a motor vehicle that is designed to travel  
3 with three wheels on the ground, equipped with a steering  
4 wheel, equipped with seating that does not require the  
5 operator to straddle or sit astride the seat, and manufactured  
6 and certified to comply with federal safety requirements for a  
7 motorcycle.

8           (b) The operator of an autocycle shall be required  
9 to have a regular driver's license and shall not be required  
10 to have a Class M displayed on his or her driver's license or  
11 a Class M motorcycle license.

12           (c) An autocycle shall be equipped with a seat belt,  
13 and the operator shall be subject to the requirements of the  
14 seat belt law when operating the vehicle.

15           (d) An autocycle shall be licensed and registered in  
16 the same manner as a motorcycle and shall otherwise be  
17 considered a motorcycle for the purposes of Title 32, Code of  
18 Alabama 1975.

19           (e) A person 17 years of age or younger operating an  
20 autocycle shall be subject to the operating hours, exceptions,  
21 and suspensions provided in Section 32-6-7.2, Code of Alabama  
22 1975.

23           Section 2. All laws or parts of laws which conflict  
24 with this act are repealed.

25           Section 3. This act shall become effective  
26 immediately following its passage and approval by the  
27 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

