

HCS SS SB 659 -- AUTOCYCLES

SPONSOR: Wasson (Davis)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with Amendments" by the Standing Committee on Transportation by a vote of 10 to 1. Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Select Committee on State and Local Governments by a vote of 6 to 2.

This bill defines an autocycle as a three wheeled motor vehicle on which drivers and passengers ride in a completely enclosed, tandem seating area that is controlled with a steering wheel and pedals and contains additional safety and equipment requirements. Autocycle operators are exempted from the motorcycle helmet requirement with specific safety equipment requirements. This bill also requires autocycle operators to have a driver's license without requiring a motorcycle or motortricycle license or endorsement.

This bill would also enable articulated buses up to 60 feet in length to be driven on Missouri roads.

This bill is similar to SB 344 (2015), SB 596, SB 503, and provisions in SS SCS HCS HB 1124 (2014).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that autocycles are more like cars than motorcycles, and therefore should be treated as such.

Testifying for the bill was Senator Wasson.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.