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**HOUSE BILL 14-1367**

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**Tyler,**

**SENATE SPONSORSHIP**

**(None),**

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**House Committees**

Transportation & Energy

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101     **CONCERNING THE EXEMPTION OF AUTOCYCLES FROM REGULATION AS**  
102             **MOTORCYCLES, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, DEFINING**  
103             **AUTOCYCLE, EXEMPTING AUTOCYCLES FROM MOTORCYCLE**  
104             **STATUTES, AND REQUIRING AUTOCYCLES BE ISSUED LICENSE**  
105             **PLATES SIMILAR TO MOTORCYCLE LICENSE PLATES.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/bills/summaries/>.)*

Currently, most self-propelled 3-wheel vehicles may be considered

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

motorcycles under the "Uniform Motor Vehicle Law". This means, among other things, that a driver must have a motorcycle endorsement on the driver's license and wear a helmet. Autocycles are self-propelled 3-wheeled vehicles that have safety belts and air bags and are completely enclosed. The bill clarifies that the definition of "motorcycle" does not include autocycles. This means that motorcycle-specific rules don't apply to an autocycle driver. But autocycles are issued license plates that are similar to motorcycle plates.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

**SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-1-102, **amend** (55); and **add** (7.5) as follows:

**42-1-102. Definitions.** As used in articles 1 to 4 of this title, unless the context otherwise requires:

(7.5) "AUTOCYCLE" MEANS A THREE-WHEELED MOTOR VEHICLE IN WHICH THE DRIVER AND EACH PASSENGER RIDES IN AN ENCLOSED SEATING AREA THAT IS EQUIPPED WITH:

(a) SAFETY BELTS FOR ALL OCCUPANTS THAT COMPLY WITH SECTION 42-4-237;

(b) AIRBAG PROTECTION; AND

(c) A HARD TOP ENCLOSURE THAT PROTECTS OCCUPANTS FROM THE ELEMENTS AND THAT SUPPORTS THE VEHICLE'S WEIGHT WITHOUT HARMING THE OCCUPANTS WHEN THE VEHICLE IS RESTING ON THE ENCLOSURE.

(55) "Motorcycle" means a motor vehicle that uses handlebars or any other device connected to the front wheel to steer and that is designed to travel on not more than three wheels in contact with the ground; except that the term does not include a farm tractor, AUTOCYCLE, low-speed electric vehicle, or low-power scooter.

**SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-3-201, **amend** (1)

1 (a) (I) (D) and (1) (a) (I) (E); and **add** (1) (a) (I) (F) as follows:

2 **42-3-201. Number plates furnished - style - periodic reissuance**

3 **- tabs - rules.** (1) (a) (I) The department shall issue to every owner  
4 whose vehicle is registered two number plates; except that the department  
5 shall issue one number plate for the following:

6 (D) A vehicle drawn by a motor vehicle; ~~or~~

7 (E) An item of special mobile machinery; OR

8 (F) AN AUTOCYCLE.

9 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-3-202, **amend** (1)  
10 (a) as follows:

11 **42-3-202. Number plates to be attached.** (1) (a) The OWNER  
12 SHALL ATTACH THE number plates assigned to a self-propelled vehicle,  
13 other than a motorcycle, AUTOCYCLE, or street rod vehicle, ~~shall be~~  
14 ~~attached thereto~~, TO THE VEHICLE WITH one in the front and the other in  
15 the rear. The OWNER SHALL ATTACH THE number plate assigned to a  
16 motorcycle, AUTOCYCLE, street rod vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, other  
17 vehicle drawn by a motor vehicle, or special mobile machinery ~~shall be~~  
18 ~~attached to the rear thereof~~ OF THE VEHICLE. THE OWNER SHALL DISPLAY  
19 number plates ~~shall be so displayed~~ during the current registration year,  
20 except as otherwise provided in this article.

21 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-3-203, **amend** (1)  
22 as follows:

23 **42-3-203. Standardized plates - rules.** (1) (a) Unless otherwise  
24 authorized by statute, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE all Class C vehicles  
25 ~~shall be issued~~ a single type of standardized license plate. Unless  
26 otherwise authorized by statute, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE all Class  
27 B vehicles, except recreational trucks, ~~shall be issued~~ a single type of

1       standardized license plate.

2               (b) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE A REGISTERED AUTOCYCLE A  
3       LICENSE PLATE THAT:

4               (I) IS THE SAME SIZE AS A MOTORCYCLE LICENSE PLATE; AND

5               (II) DISPLAYS THE REGISTRATION NUMBER IN NUMERALS OR  
6       LETTERS OF AT LEAST ONE-AND-ONE-HALF INCHES IN HEIGHT.

7               **SECTION 5. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
8       determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
9       preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.