

By: Representative Johnson (87th)

To: Transportation

HOUSE BILL NO. 601

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-3-103, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF AUTOCYCLES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

4 **SECTION 1.** Section 63-3-103, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
5 amended as follows:

6 63-3-103. (a) "Vehicle" means every device in, upon or by
7 which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn
8 upon a highway, except devices used exclusively upon stationary
9 rails or tracks.

10 (b) "Motor vehicle" means every vehicle which is
11 self-propelled and every vehicle which is propelled by electric
12 power obtained from overhead trolley wires, but not operated upon
13 rails. The term "motor vehicle" shall not include electric
14 personal assistive mobility devices.

15 (c) "Motorcycle" means every motor vehicle having a saddle
16 for the use of the rider and designed to travel on not more than
17 three (3) wheels in contact with the ground but excluding a



18 tractor. The term "motorcycle" includes motor scooters as defined
19 in paragraph (j) of this subsection.

20 (d) "Authorized emergency vehicle" means every vehicle of
21 the fire department (fire patrol), every police vehicle, every 911
22 Emergency Communications District vehicle, every such ambulance
23 and special use EMS vehicle as defined in Section 41-59-3, every
24 Mississippi Emergency Management Agency vehicle as is designated
25 or authorized by the Executive Director of MEMA and every
26 emergency vehicle of municipal departments or public service
27 corporations as is designated or authorized by the commission or
28 the chief of police of an incorporated city.

29 (e) "School bus" means every motor vehicle operated for the
30 transportation of children to or from any school, provided same is
31 plainly marked "School Bus" on the front and rear thereof and
32 meets the requirements of the State Board of Education as
33 authorized under Section 37-41-1.

34 (f) "Recreational vehicle" means a vehicular type unit
35 primarily designed as temporary living quarters for recreational,
36 camping or travel use, which either has its own motive power or is
37 mounted on or drawn by another vehicle and includes travel
38 trailers, fifth-wheel trailers, camping trailers, truck campers
39 and motor homes.

40 (g) "Motor home" means a motor vehicle that is designed and
41 constructed primarily to provide temporary living quarters for
42 recreational, camping or travel use.



43 (h) "Electric assistive mobility device" means a
44 self-balancing two-tandem wheeled device, designed to transport
45 only one (1) person, with an electric propulsion system that
46 limits the maximum speed of the device to fifteen (15) miles per
47 hour.

48 (i) "Autocycle" means a three-wheel motorcycle with * * * a
49 steering wheel, nonstraddle seating, rollover protection and seat
50 belts.

51 (j) "Motor scooter" means a two-wheeled vehicle that has a
52 seat for the operator, one (1) wheel that is ten (10) inches or
53 more in diameter, a step-through chassis, a motor with a rating of
54 two and seven-tenths (2.7) brake horsepower or less if the motor
55 is an internal combustion engine, an engine of 50cc or less and
56 otherwise meets all safety requirements of motorcycles.

57 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
58 and after July 1, 2018.

