

By: Senator(s) Michel, Blackwell, Jackson
(11th)

To: Highways and
Transportation

SENATE BILL NO. 2629

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-3-103, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "AUTOCYCLE" AS USED IN THE
3 UNIFORM HIGHWAY TRAFFIC REGULATION LAW; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

