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BILL NO. \_\_\_\_

AN ACT concerning motor vehicles; relating to autocycles; definitions; requirements; amending K.S.A. 8-1438 and K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 8-126, 8-234b, 8-1486 and 8-1598 and repealing the existing sections.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

New Section 1. "Autocycle" means a three-wheel motorcycle that has a steering wheel and seating that does not require the operator to straddle or sit astride it.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 8-126 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-126. The following words and phrases when used in this act shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them herein:

(a) "Autocycle" means a three-wheel motorcycle that has a steering wheel and seating that does not require the operator to straddle or sit astride it.

(b) "All-terrain vehicle" means any motorized nonhighway vehicle 50 inches or less in width, having a dry weight of 1,500 pounds or less, traveling on three or more nonhighway tires, having a seat designed to be straddled by the operator. As used in this subsection, nonhighway tire means any pneumatic tire six inches or more in width, designed for use on wheels with rim diameter of 14 inches or less.

~~(b)~~ (c) "Commission" or "state highway commission" means the director of vehicles of the department of revenue.

~~(c)~~ (d) "Contractor" means a person, partnership, corporation, local government, county government, county treasurer or other state agency that has contracted with the department to provide services associated with vehicle functions.

~~(d)~~ (e) "Department" or "motor vehicle department" or "vehicle department" means the

division of vehicles of the department of revenue, acting directly or through its duly authorized officers and agents. When acting on behalf of the department of revenue pursuant to this act, a county treasurer shall be deemed to be an agent of the state of Kansas.

~~(e)~~ (f) "Division" means the division of vehicles of the department of revenue.

~~(f)~~ (g) "Electric personal assistive mobility device" means a self-balancing two nontandem wheeled device, designed to transport only one person, with an electric propulsion system that limits the maximum speed of the device to 15 miles per hour or less.

~~(g)~~ (h) "Electric vehicle" means a vehicle that is powered by an electric motor drawing current from rechargeable storage batteries or other portable electrical energy storage devices, provided the recharge energy must be drawn from a source off the vehicle, such as, but not limited to:

- (1) Residential electric service;
- (2) an electric vehicle charging station, also called an EV charging station, an electric recharging point, a charging point, EVSE (Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment) or a public charging station.

~~(h)~~ (i) "Electronic certificate of title" means any electronic record of ownership, including any lien or liens that may be recorded, retained by the division in accordance with K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 8-135d, and amendments thereto.

~~(i)~~ (j) "Electronic notice of security interest" means the division's online internet program which enables a dealer or secured party to submit a notice of security interest as defined in this section, and to cancel the notice or release the security interest using the program. This program is also known as the Kansas elien or KSelien.

~~(k)~~ (k) "Farm tractor" means every motor vehicle designed and used as a farm implement power unit operated with or without other attached farm implements in any manner consistent with the structural design of such power unit.

~~(l)~~ (l) "Farm trailer" means every trailer and semitrailer as those terms are defined in this section, designed and used primarily as a farm vehicle.

~~(m)~~ (m) "Foreign vehicle" means every motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer which shall be brought into this state otherwise than in ordinary course of business by or through a manufacturer or dealer and which has not been registered in this state.

~~(n)~~ (n) "Golf cart" means a motor vehicle that has not less than three wheels in contact with the ground, an unladen weight of not more than 1,800 pounds, is designed to be and is operated at not more than 25 miles per hour and is designed to carry not more than four persons including the driver.

~~(o)~~ (o) "Highway" means every way or place of whatever nature open to the use of the public as a matter of right for the purpose of vehicular travel. The term "highway" shall not be deemed to include a roadway or driveway upon grounds owned by private owners, colleges, universities or other institutions.

~~(p)~~ (p) "Implement of husbandry" means every vehicle designed or adapted and used exclusively for agricultural operations, including feedlots, and only incidentally moved or operated upon the highways. Such term shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) A farm tractor;
- (2) a self-propelled farm implement;
- (3) a fertilizer spreader, nurse tank or truck permanently mounted with a spreader used

exclusively for dispensing or spreading water, dust or liquid fertilizers or agricultural chemicals, as defined in K.S.A. 2-2202, and amendments thereto, regardless of ownership;

(4) a truck mounted with a fertilizer spreader used or manufactured principally to spread animal dung;

(5) a mixer-feed truck owned and used by a feedlot, as defined in K.S.A. 47-1501, and amendments thereto, and specially designed and used exclusively for dispensing food to livestock in such feedlot.

~~(q)~~ (q) "Lien" means a security interest as defined in this section.

~~(r)~~ (r) "Lightweight roadable vehicle" means a multipurpose motor vehicle that is allowed to be driven on public roadways and is required to be registered with, and flown under the direction of, the federal aviation administration.

~~(s)~~ (s) "Manufacturer" means every person engaged in the business of manufacturing motor vehicles, trailers or semitrailers.

~~(t)~~ (t) "Micro utility truck" means any motor vehicle which is not less than 48 inches in width, has an overall length, including the bumper, of not more than 160 inches, has an unladen weight, including fuel and fluids, of more than 1,500 pounds, can exceed 40 miles per hour as originally manufactured and is manufactured with a metal cab. "Micro utility truck" does not include a work-site utility vehicle or recreational off-highway vehicle.

~~(u)~~ (u) "Motor vehicle" means every vehicle, other than a motorized bicycle or a motorized wheelchair, which is self-propelled.

~~(v)~~ (v) "Motorcycle" means every motor vehicle, including autocycles, designed to travel on not more than three wheels in contact with the ground, except any such vehicle as may

be included within the term "tractor" as defined in this section.

~~(v)~~ (w) "Motorized bicycle" means every device having two tandem wheels or three wheels, which may be propelled by either human power or helper motor, or by both, and which has:

- (1) A motor which produces not more than 3.5 brake horsepower;
- (2) a cylinder capacity of not more than 130 cubic centimeters;
- (3) an automatic transmission; and
- (4) the capability of a maximum design speed of no more than 30 miles per hour.

~~(w)~~ (x) "Motorized wheelchair" means any self-propelled vehicle designed specifically for use by a physically disabled person and such vehicle is incapable of a speed in excess of 15 miles per hour.

~~(x)~~ (y) "New vehicle dealer" means every person actively engaged in the business of buying, selling or exchanging new motor vehicles, travel trailers, trailers or vehicles and who holds a dealer's contract therefor from a manufacturer or distributor and who has an established place of business in this state.

~~(y)~~ (z) "Nonresident" means every person who is not a resident of this state.

~~(z)~~ (aa) "Notice of security interest" means a notification to the division from a dealer or secured party of a purchase money security interest as provided in article 9 of chapter 84 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, upon a vehicle which has been sold and delivered to the purchaser describing the vehicle and showing the name, address and acknowledgment of the secured party as well as the name and address of the debtor or debtors and other information the division requires.

~~(aa)~~ (bb) "Oil well servicing, oil well clean-out or oil well drilling machinery or equipment" means a vehicle constructed as a machine used exclusively for servicing, cleaning-out or drilling an oil well and consisting in general of a mast, an engine for power, a draw works and a chassis permanently constructed or assembled for one or more of those purposes. The passenger capacity of the cab of a vehicle shall not be considered in determining whether such vehicle is oil well servicing, oil well clean-out or oil well drilling machinery or equipment.

~~(bb)~~ (cc) "Owner" means a person who holds the legal title of a vehicle, or in the event a vehicle is the subject of an agreement for the conditional sale thereof with the right of purchase upon performance of the conditions stated in the agreement and with an immediate right of possession vested in the conditional vendee or in the event a vehicle is subject to a lease of 30 days or more with an immediate right of possession vested in the lessee; or in the event a party having a security interest in a vehicle is entitled to possession, then such conditional vendee or lessee or secured party shall be deemed the owner for the purpose of this act.

~~(ee)~~ (dd) "Passenger vehicle" means every motor vehicle, as defined in this section, which is designed primarily to carry 10 or fewer passengers, and which is not used as a truck.

~~(dd)~~ (ee) "Person" means every natural person, firm, partnership, association or corporation.

~~(ee)~~ (ff) "Pole trailer" means any two-wheel vehicle used as a trailer with bolsters that support the load, and do not have a rack or body extending to the tractor drawing the load.

~~(ff)~~ (gg) "Recreational off-highway vehicle" means any motor vehicle 64 inches or less in width, having a dry weight of 2,000 pounds or less, traveling on four or more nonhighway tires, having a nonstraddle seat and steering wheel for steering control.

~~(gg)~~ (hh) "Road tractor" means every motor vehicle designed and used for drawing other vehicles, and not so constructed as to carry any load thereon independently, or any part of the weight of a vehicle or load so drawn.

~~(hh)~~ (ii) "Self-propelled farm implement" means every farm implement designed for specific use applications with its motive power unit permanently incorporated in its structural design.

~~(ii)~~ (jj) "Semitrailer" means every vehicle of the trailer type so designed and used in conjunction with a motor vehicle that some part of its own weight and that of its own load rests upon or is carried by another vehicle.

~~(jj)~~ (kk) "Specially constructed vehicle" means any vehicle which shall not have been originally constructed under a distinctive name, make, model or type, or which, if originally otherwise constructed shall have been materially altered by the removal of essential parts, or by the addition or substitution of essential parts, new or used, derived from other vehicles or makes of vehicles.

~~(kk)~~ (ll) "Trailer" means every vehicle without motive power designed to carry property or passengers wholly on its own structure and to be drawn by a motor vehicle.

~~(ll)~~ (mm) "Travel trailer" means every vehicle without motive power designed to be towed by a motor vehicle constructed primarily for recreational purposes.

~~(mm)~~ (nn) "Truck" means a motor vehicle which is used for the transportation or delivery of freight and merchandise or more than 10 passengers.

~~(nn)~~ (oo) "Truck tractor" means every motor vehicle designed and used primarily for drawing other vehicles, and not so constructed as to carry a load other than a part of the weight

of the vehicle or load so drawn.

~~(pp)~~ (pp) "Used vehicle dealer" means every person actively engaged in the business of buying, selling or exchanging used vehicles, and having an established place of business in this state and who does not hold a dealer's contract for the sale of new motor vehicles, travel trailers or vehicles.

~~(pp)~~ (qq) "Vehicle" means every device in, upon or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a public highway, excepting electric personal assistive mobility devices or devices moved by human power or used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks.

~~(qq)~~ (rr) "Vehicle functions" means services relating to the application, processing, auditing or distribution of original or renewal vehicle registrations, certificates of title, driver's licenses and division-issued identification cards associated with services and functions set out in articles 1, 2 and 13 of chapter 8 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto. "Vehicle functions" may also include personal property taxation duties set out in article 51 of chapter 79 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, and other vehicle-related events described in article 1 of chapter 8 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto.

~~(rr)~~ (ss) "Work-site utility vehicle" means any motor vehicle which is not less than 48 inches in width, has an overall length, including the bumper, of not more than 135 inches, has an unladen weight, including fuel and fluids, of more than 800 pounds and is equipped with four or more low pressure tires, a steering wheel and bench or bucket-type seating allowing at least two people to sit side-by-side, and may be equipped with a bed or cargo box for hauling materials.

"Work-site utility vehicle" does not include a micro utility truck or recreational off-highway vehicle.

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 8-234b is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-234b. (a) Every original driver's license issued by the division shall indicate the class or classes of motor vehicles which the licensee is entitled to drive. For this purpose the following classes are established:

(1) Commercial class A motor vehicles include any combination of vehicles with a gross combination weight rating of 26,001 pounds or more, providing the gross vehicle weight rating of the vehicle or vehicles being towed is in excess of 10,000 pounds;

(2) commercial class B motor vehicles include any single vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating of 26,001 pounds or more, or any such vehicle towing a vehicle not in excess of 10,000 pounds gross vehicle weight rating;

(3) commercial class C motor vehicles include any single vehicle less than 26,001 pounds gross vehicle weight rating, or any such vehicle towing a vehicle not in excess of 10,000 pounds, or any vehicle less than 26,001 pounds gross vehicle weight rating towing a vehicle in excess of 10,000 pounds gross vehicle weight rating, provided the gross combination weight rating of the combination is less than 26,001 pounds comprising:

(A) Vehicles designed to transport 16 or more passengers, including the driver; or

(B) vehicles used in the transportation of hazardous materials which requires the vehicle to be placarded;

(4) class A motor vehicles include any combination of vehicles with a gross combination weight rating of 26,001 pounds or more, provided the gross combination weight

rating of the vehicle or vehicles being towed is in excess of 10,000 pounds, and all other lawful combinations of vehicles with a gross combination weight rating of 26,001 pounds, or more; except that, class A does not include a combination of vehicles that has a truck registered as a farm truck under K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments thereto;

(5) class B motor vehicles include any single vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating of 26,001 pounds or more, or any such vehicle towing a vehicle not in excess of 10,000 pounds gross vehicle weight rating. Class B motor vehicles do not include a single vehicle registered as a farm truck under K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments thereto, when such farm truck has a gross vehicle weight rating of 26,001 pounds, or more; or any fire truck operated by a volunteer fire department;

(6) class C motor vehicles include any single vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating less than 26,001 pounds, or any such vehicle towing a vehicle not in excess of 10,000 pounds gross vehicle weight rating, or any vehicle with a less than 26,001 gross vehicle weight rating towing a vehicle in excess of 10,000 pounds gross vehicle weight rating, provided the gross combination weight rating of the combination is less than 26,001 pounds, or any single vehicle registered as a farm truck under K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments thereto, when such farm truck has a gross vehicle weight rating of 26,001 pounds, or more, or any fire truck operated by a volunteer fire department or any autocycle; and

(7) class M motor vehicles includes motorcycles, but does not include autocycles.

As used in this subsection, "gross vehicle weight rating" means the value specified by the manufacturer as the maximum loaded weight of a single or a combination (articulated) vehicle. The gross vehicle weight rating of a combination (articulated) vehicle, commonly referred to as

the gross combination weight rating, is the gross vehicle weight rating of the power unit plus the gross vehicle weight rating of the towed unit or units.

(b) Every applicant for an original driver's license shall indicate on such person's application the class or classes of motor vehicles for which the applicant desires a license to drive, and the division shall not issue a driver's license to any person unless such person has demonstrated satisfactorily ability to exercise ordinary and reasonable control in the operation of motor vehicles in the class or classes for which the applicant desires a license to drive. The division shall administer an appropriate examination of each applicant's ability to drive such motor vehicles. Except as provided in K.S.A. 8-2,125 through 8-2,142, and amendments thereto, the director of vehicles may accept a copy of the certificate of a person's road test issued to an individual under the regulatory requirements of the United States department of transportation, in lieu of requiring the person to demonstrate ability to operate any motor vehicle or combination of vehicles, if such certificate was issued not more than three years prior to the person's application for a driver's license.

(c) Any person who is the holder of a valid driver's license which entitles the person to drive class A motor vehicles may also drive class B and C motor vehicles. Any person who is the holder of a valid driver's license which entitles the person to drive class B motor vehicles may also drive class C motor vehicles.

(d) The secretary of revenue shall adopt rules and regulations establishing qualifications for the safe operation of the various types, sizes and combinations of vehicles in each class of motor vehicles established in subsection (a). Such rules and regulations shall include the adoption of at least the minimum qualifications for commercial drivers' licenses contained in the

commercial motor vehicle safety act of 1986.

(e) Any reference in the motor vehicle drivers' license act to a class or classes of motor vehicles is a reference to the classes of motor vehicles established in subsection (a), and any reference in the motor vehicle drivers' license act to a classified driver's license or a class of driver's license means a driver's license which restricts the holder thereof to driving one or more of such classes of motor vehicles.

(f) The secretary of revenue may enter into a contract with any person, who meets the qualifications imposed on persons regularly employed by the division as drivers' license examiners, to accept applications for drivers' licenses and to administer the examinations required for the issuance of drivers' licenses.

(g) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a), any person employed as an automotive mechanic who possesses a valid class C driver's license may drive any class A or class B motor vehicle on the highways for the purpose of determining the proper performance of the vehicle, except that this does not include commercial class A, B or C vehicles.

Sec. 4. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 8-1598 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-1598. (a) No person under the age of 18 years shall operate or ride upon a motorcycle or a motorized bicycle, unless wearing a helmet which complies with minimum guidelines established by the national highway traffic safety administration pursuant to the national traffic and motor vehicle safety act of 1966 for helmets designed for use by motorcyclists and other motor vehicle users.

(b) No person shall allow or permit any person under the age of 18 years to: (1) Operate a motorcycle or motorized bicycle or to ride as a passenger upon a motorcycle or motorized bicycle without being in compliance with the provisions of subsection (a); or (2) operate a

motorcycle or to ride as a passenger upon a motorcycle without being in compliance with the provisions of subsection (c).

(c) (1) No person shall operate a motorcycle unless such person is wearing an eye-protective device which shall consist of protective glasses, goggles or transparent face shields which are shatter proof and impact resistant, except when the motorcycle is equipped with a windscreen which has a minimum height of 10 inches measured from the center of the handlebars.

(2) No person under the age of 18 years shall ride as a passenger on a motorcycle unless such person is wearing an eye-protective device which shall consist of protective glasses, goggles or transparent face shields which are shatter proof and impact resistant.

(d) This section shall not apply to persons riding within an enclosed cab, [an autocycle](#) or on a golf cart, nor shall it apply to any person operating or riding any industrial or cargo-type vehicle having three wheels and commonly known as a truckster.

Sec. 5. K.S.A. 8-1438 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-1438. "Motorcycle" means every motor vehicle, [including autocycles](#), having a seat or saddle for the use of the rider and designed to travel on not more than three-~~(3)~~ wheels in contact with the ground, but excluding a tractor.

Sec. 6. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 8-1486 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-1486. K.S.A. 8-1402a, 8-1414a, 8-1439c, 8-1458a, 8-1459a, 8-1475a, 8-1487, 8-1488, 8-1489 and 8-1490 and amendments thereto, and K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 8-1491, 8-1492, 8-1493, 8-1494, 8-1495 and 8-1496, and amendments thereto, [and section 1, and amendments thereto](#), shall be a part of, and supplemental to, the uniform act regulating traffic on highways.

Sec. 7. K.S.A. 8-1438 and K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 8-126, 8-234b, 8-1486 and 8-1598 are hereby repealed.

Sec. 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.