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Primary Sponsor: Rep. K. Miller

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SUMMARY

- Regarding vehicles that can be used to commit a vehicular homicide or assault, adds the following vehicles:
 - Under-speed vehicles (e.g., golf cart);
 - Motorized bicycles or mopeds;
 - Motor-driven cycles or motor scooters; and
 - All-purpose vehicles.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

The bill expands the list of vehicles that can be used to commit a vehicular homicide or a vehicular assault. Specifically, the bill adds the following vehicles:

- Under-speed vehicles (e.g., golf cart);
- Motorized bicycles or mopeds;
- Motor-driven cycles or motor scooters; and
- All-purpose vehicles.¹

Under current law, a person may be charged with a vehicular homicide or a vehicular assault when the offense is committed by a person operating a motor vehicle, motorcycle, utility vehicle, mini-truck, snowmobile, locomotive, watercraft, or aircraft.

¹ R.C. 2903.06 and 2903.08.

Definitions

Under-speed vehicle

An under-speed vehicle is a three or four-wheeled vehicle, including a vehicle commonly known as a golf cart, with an attainable speed on a paved level surface of not more than 20 miles per hour and with a gross vehicle weight rating of less than 3,000 pounds.²



Motorized bicycle or moped

A motorized bicycle or moped is any vehicle that either has two tandem wheels or one wheel in the front and two wheels in the rear, that may be pedaled, and that is equipped with a helper motor of not more than 50 cm³ piston displacement that produces no more than one brake horsepower that is capable of propelling the vehicle at a speed of up to 20 miles per hour on a level surface. A “motorized bicycle” or “moped” does not include an electric bicycle.³



Motor-driven cycle or motor scooter

A motor-driven cycle or motor scooter is any vehicle designed to travel on three wheels or less and is equipped with a motor that has a piston displacement between 50 cm³ and 100 cm³ that produces up to five brake horsepower and can propel the vehicle at a speed greater than 20 miles per hour on a level surface. This vehicle has a seat for the driver and floor pad for the driver’s feet.⁴



² R.C. 4501.01(XX), not in the bill.

³ R.C. 4501.01(L), not in the bill.

⁴ R.C. 4501.01(YY), not in the bill.

All-purpose vehicle

An all-purpose vehicle is any self-propelled vehicle designed primarily for cross-country travel on land, water, or on more than one type of terrain. It travels on wheels, caterpillar treads, or any combination thereof. An all-purpose vehicle includes vehicles that operate on a cushion of air, vehicles commonly known as all-terrain vehicles, all-season vehicles, mini-bikes, and trail bikes. However, “all-purpose vehicle” does not include a utility vehicle, a vehicle principally used in playing golf, or a motor vehicle or aircraft required to be registered.⁵



HISTORY

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⁵ R.C. 4519.01(B), not in the bill.