

# SENATE BILL 1035

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By: **Senator DeGrange**

Constitutional Requirements Complied with for Introduction in the last 35 Days of Session

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

### 2 **Vehicle Laws - Motorcycle - Definition**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the definition of “motorcycle” in the Maryland Vehicle  
4 Law to include a motor vehicle that has two front wheels positioned on a single  
5 front axle and one rear wheel; making clarifying and conforming changes; and  
6 generally relating to the definition of “motorcycle”.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article – Transportation  
9 Section 11–136  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
13 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

### 14 **Article – Transportation**

15 11–136.

16 (a) “Motorcycle” means a motor vehicle that:

17 (1) **(I) Has NO MORE THAN THREE WHEELS;**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1                   (II) 1. HAS one front wheel and one or two rear wheels  
2 POSITIONED on a single axle; OR

3                               2. HAS TWO FRONT WHEELS POSITIONED ON A  
4 SINGLE FRONT AXLE AND ONE REAR WHEEL; AND

5                   (III) [however, if it is] IF equipped with two rear wheels on a  
6 single axle, [the] HAS A rear tread width [may] THAT DOES not exceed 25 inches;

7                   (2) Is self-propelled by a motor with a rating of more than 1.5 brake  
8 horsepower and a capacity of at least 49 cubic centimeters piston displacement;

9                   (3) [Has] MAY HAVE a singular front steering road wheel mounted in  
10 a fork assembly that passes through a frame steering bearing and to which is attached  
11 a handlebar or other directly operated steering device;

12                   (4) Has a seat that is straddled by the driver; and

13                   (5) Except for a windshield or windscreen, does not have any enclosure  
14 or provision for an enclosure for the driver or any passenger.

15                   (b) A detachable sidecar is an accessory to and not a part of a motorcycle.

16                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
17 October 1, 2007.