

# SENATE BILL 69

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EMERGENCY BILL

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By: **Senators DeGrange, Gladden, and Kramer**

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

### 2 **Vehicle Laws – Motorcycles – Definition**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the definition of “motorcycle” under the Maryland Vehicle  
4 Law; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to the  
5 definition of motorcycle under the Maryland Vehicle Law.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
7 Article – Transportation  
8 Section 11–136  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

### 13 **Article – Transportation**

14 11–136.

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

16 [(1) Has one front wheel and one or two rear wheels on a single axle;  
17 however, if it is equipped with two rear wheels on a single axle, the rear tread width  
18 may not exceed 25 inches;

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

21 (3) Has a singular front steering road wheel mounted in a fork  
22 assembly that passes through a frame steering bearing and to which is attached a  
23 handlebar or other directly operated steering device;

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

2           (5)    Except for a windshield or windscreen, does not have any enclosure  
3 or provision for an enclosure for the driver or any passenger]

4           **(1)    HAS MOTIVE POWER;**

5           **(2)    HAS A SEAT OR SADDLE FOR THE USE OF THE RIDER;**

6           **(3)    IS DESIGNED TO TRAVEL:**

7                   **(I)    ON NOT MORE THAN THREE WHEELS IN CONTACT WITH**  
8 **THE GROUND; AND**

9                           **(II)   AT SPEEDS EXCEEDING 35 MILES PER HOUR; AND**

10                   **(4)    IS OF A TYPE REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH ALL MOTOR**  
11 **VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARDS APPLICABLE TO MOTORCYCLES UNDER FEDERAL**  
12 **LAW.**

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

14           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency  
15 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety,  
16 has been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members  
17 elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from  
18 the date it is enacted.