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HOUSE BILL No. 2044

By Committee on Transportation

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AN ACT concerning motor vehicles; relating to autocycles; definitions;
 safety belts; requirements; amending K.S.A. 8-1438 and 8-1594 and
 K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 8-126, 8-234b, 8-1486and, 8-1598 and 8-2503 and
 repealing the existing sections.

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

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

10 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 8-126 is hereby amended to read as 11 follows: 8-126. The following words and phrases when used in this act 12 shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them herein:

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

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

(e) (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-1 balancing two nontandem wheeled device, designed to transport only one 2 3 person, with an electric propulsion system that limits the maximum speed 4 of the device to 15 miles per hour or less.

(g) (h) "Electric vehicle" means a vehicle that is powered by an 5 6 electric motor drawing current from rechargeable storage batteries or other 7 portable electrical energy storage devices, provided the recharge energy 8 must be drawn from a source off the vehicle, such as, but not limited to:

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(1) Residential electric service:

10 (2) an electric vehicle charging station, also called an EV charging station, an electric recharging point, a charging point, EVSE (Electric 11 Vehicle Supply Equipment) or a public charging station. 12

(h) (i) "Electronic certificate of title" means any electronic record of 13 14 ownership, including any lien or liens that may be recorded, retained by 15 the division in accordance with K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 8-135d, and 16 amendments thereto.

17 (i) (j) "Electronic notice of security interest" means the division's 18 online internet program which enables a dealer or secured party to submit 19 a notice of security interest as defined in this section, and to cancel the 20 notice or release the security interest using the program. This program is 21 also known as the Kansas elien or KSelien.

22 (i) (k) "Farm tractor" means every motor vehicle designed and used 23 as a farm implement power unit operated with or without other attached 24 farm implements in any manner consistent with the structural design of 25 such power unit.

26 (k) (l) "Farm trailer" means every trailer and semitrailer as those 27 terms are defined in this section, designed and used primarily as a farm 28 vehicle.

29 (h) (m) "Foreign vehicle" means every motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer which shall be brought into this state otherwise than in ordinary 30 31 course of business by or through a manufacturer or dealer and which has 32 not been registered in this state.

33 (m) (n) "Golf cart" means a motor vehicle that has not less than three 34 wheels in contact with the ground, an unladen weight of not more than 35 1,800 pounds, is designed to be and is operated at not more than 25 miles 36 per hour and is designed to carry not more than four persons including the 37 driver.

38 "Highway" means every way or place of whatever nature open (n) (o) 39 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 40 41 driveway upon grounds owned by private owners, colleges, universities or 42 other institutions.

43 "Implement of husbandry" means every vehicle designed or (o) (p)

adapted and used exclusively for agricultural operations, including 1 2 feedlots, and only incidentally moved or operated upon the highways. 3 Such term shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) A farm tractor;
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(2) a self-propelled farm implement;

6 (3) a fertilizer spreader, nurse tank or truck permanently mounted 7 with a spreader used exclusively for dispensing or spreading water, dust or 8 liquid fertilizers or agricultural chemicals, as defined in K.S.A. 2-2202, 9 and amendments thereto, regardless of ownership;

(4) a truck mounted with a fertilizer spreader used or manufactured 10 principally to spread animal dung; 11

12 (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 13 14 exclusively for dispensing food to livestock in such feedlot. 15

"Lien" means a security interest as defined in this section. (\mathbf{p}) (q)

"Lightweight roadable vehicle" means a multipurpose motor 16 (a) (r) 17 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 18 19 administration.

20 (r) (s) "Manufacturer" means every person engaged in the business of 21 manufacturing motor vehicles, trailers or semitrailers.

22 (s) (t) "Micro utility truck" means any motor vehicle which is not less 23 than 48 inches in width, has an overall length, including the bumper, of not 24 more than 160 inches, has an unladen weight, including fuel and fluids, of 25 more than 1,500 pounds, can exceed 40 miles per hour as originally manufactured and is manufactured with a metal cab. "Micro utility truck" 26 27 does not include a work-site utility vehicle or recreational off-highway 28 vehicle.

29 (t) (u) "Motor vehicle" means every vehicle, other than a motorized 30 bicycle or a motorized wheelchair, which is self-propelled.

31 (u) (v) "Motorcycle" means every motor vehicle, *including* 32 autocycles, designed to travel on not more than three wheels in contact 33 with the ground, except any such vehicle as may be included within the term "tractor" as defined in this section. 34

(w) "Motorized bicycle" means every device having two tandem 35 36 wheels or three wheels, which may be propelled by either human power or 37 helper motor, or by both, and which has:

(1) A motor which produces not more than 3.5 brake horsepower;

- 39 (2) a cylinder capacity of not more than 130 cubic centimeters;
 - (3) an automatic transmission; and

41 (4) the capability of a maximum design speed of no more than 30 42 miles per hour.

"Motorized wheelchair" means any self-propelled vehicle (w) (x)

designed specifically for use by a physically disabled person and such
 vehicle is incapable of a speed in excess of 15 miles per hour.

3 (x)(y) "New vehicle dealer" means every person actively engaged in 4 the business of buying, selling or exchanging new motor vehicles, travel 5 trailers, trailers or vehicles and who holds a dealer's contract therefor from 6 a manufacturer or distributor and who has an established place of business 7 in this state.

8 (y)(z) "Nonresident" means every person who is not a resident of this 9 state.

(z) (aa) "Notice of security interest" means a notification to the 10 division from a dealer or secured party of a purchase money security 11 interest as provided in article 9 of chapter 84 of the Kansas Statutes 12 13 Annotated, and amendments thereto, upon a vehicle which has been sold 14 and delivered to the purchaser describing the vehicle and showing the 15 name, address and acknowledgment of the secured party as well as the 16 name and address of the debtor or debtors and other information the 17 division requires.

18 (aa) (bb) "Oil well servicing, oil well clean-out or oil well drilling 19 machinery or equipment" means a vehicle constructed as a machine used exclusively for servicing, cleaning-out or drilling an oil well and 20 21 consisting in general of a mast, an engine for power, a draw works and a 22 chassis permanently constructed or assembled for one or more of those 23 purposes. The passenger capacity of the cab of a vehicle shall not be 24 considered in determining whether such vehicle is oil well servicing, oil 25 well clean-out or oil well drilling machinery or equipment.

(bb) (cc) "Owner" means a person who holds the legal title of a 26 vehicle, or in the event a vehicle is the subject of an agreement for the 27 28 conditional sale thereof with the right of purchase upon performance of the 29 conditions stated in the agreement and with an immediate right of possession vested in the conditional vendee or in the event a vehicle is 30 31 subject to a lease of 30 days or more with an immediate right of possession 32 vested in the lessee; or in the event a party having a security interest in a 33 vehicle is entitled to possession, then such conditional vendee or lessee or 34 secured party shall be deemed the owner for the purpose of this act.

(ce) (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.

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

40 (ce) (ff) "Pole trailer" means any two-wheel vehicle used as a trailer 41 with bolsters that support the load, and do not have a rack or body 42 extending to the tractor drawing the load.

43 (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.

4 (gg) (*hh*) "Road tractor" means every motor vehicle designed and 5 used for drawing other vehicles, and not so constructed as to carry any 6 load thereon independently, or any part of the weight of a vehicle or load 7 so drawn.

8 (hh) (*ii*) "Self-propelled farm implement" means every farm 9 implement designed for specific use applications with its motive power 10 unit permanently incorporated in its structural design.

11 (ii) (jj) "Semitrailer" means every vehicle of the trailer type so 12 designed and used in conjunction with a motor vehicle that some part of its 13 own weight and that of its own load rests upon or is carried by another 14 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.

24 (II) (*mm*) "Travel trailer" means every vehicle without motive power 25 designed to be towed by a motor vehicle constructed primarily for 26 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.

30 (nn) (*oo*) "Truck tractor" means every motor vehicle designed and 31 used primarily for drawing other vehicles, and not so constructed as to 32 carry a load other than a part of the weight of the vehicle or load so drawn.

(oo) (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.

vehicle registrations, certificates of title, driver's licenses and division-1 2 issued identification cards associated with services and functions set out in 3 articles 1, 2 and 13 of chapter 8 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto. "Vehicle functions" may also include personal 4 5 property taxation duties set out in article 51 of chapter 79 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, and other vehicle-related 6 7 events described in article 1 of chapter 8 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, 8 and amendments thereto

9 "Work-site utility vehicle" means any motor vehicle which is (rr) (ss) 10 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 11 12 fuel and fluids, of more than 800 pounds and is equipped with four or 13 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 14 15 a bed or cargo box for hauling materials. "Work-site utility vehicle" does 16 not include a micro utility truck or recreational off-highway vehicle.

17 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 8-234b is hereby amended to read as 18 follows: 8-234b. (a) Every original driver's license issued by the division 19 shall indicate the class or classes of motor vehicles which the licensee is 20 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, includingthe driver; or

(B) vehicles used in the transportation of hazardous materials whichrequires 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 1 2 registered as a farm truck under K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments thereto;

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(5) class B motor vehicles include any single vehicle with a gross 4 vehicle weight rating of 26,001 pounds or more, or any such vehicle 5 towing a vehicle not in excess of 10,000 pounds gross vehicle weight 6 rating. Class B motor vehicles do not include a single vehicle registered as 7 a farm truck under K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments thereto, when such 8 farm truck has a gross vehicle weight rating of 26,001 pounds, or more; or 9 any fire truck operated by a volunteer fire department;

10 (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 11 12 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 13 vehicle in excess of 10,000 pounds gross vehicle weight rating, provided 14 the gross combination weight rating of the combination is less than 26,001 15 16 pounds, or any single vehicle registered as a farm truck under K.S.A. 8-17 143, and amendments thereto, when such farm truck has a gross vehicle 18 weight rating of 26,001 pounds, or more, or any fire truck operated by a 19 volunteer fire department or any autocycle; and

20 (7) class M motor vehicles includes motorcycles, but does not 21 include autocycles.

22 As used in this subsection, "gross vehicle weight rating" means the 23 value specified by the manufacturer as the maximum loaded weight of a 24 single or a combination (articulated) vehicle. The gross vehicle weight 25 rating of a combination (articulated) vehicle, commonly referred to as the gross combination weight rating, is the gross vehicle weight rating of the 26 27 power unit plus the gross vehicle weight rating of the towed unit or units.

28 (b) Every applicant for an original driver's license shall indicate on 29 such person's application the class or classes of motor vehicles for which 30 the applicant desires a license to drive, and the division shall not issue a 31 driver's license to any person unless such person has demonstrated 32 satisfactorily ability to exercise ordinary and reasonable control in the 33 operation of motor vehicles in the class or classes for which the applicant 34 desires a license to drive. The division shall administer an appropriate 35 examination of each applicant's ability to drive such motor vehicles. 36 Except as provided in K.S.A. 8-2,125 through 8-2,142, and amendments 37 thereto, the director of vehicles may accept a copy of the certificate of a 38 person's road test issued to an individual under the regulatory requirements 39 of the United States department of transportation, in lieu of requiring the 40 person to demonstrate ability to operate any motor vehicle or combination 41 of vehicles, if such certificate was issued not more than three years prior to 42 the person's application for a driver's license.

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(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.

5 (d) The secretary of revenue shall adopt rules and regulations 6 establishing qualifications for the safe operation of the various types, sizes 7 and combinations of vehicles in each class of motor vehicles established in 8 subsection (a). Such rules and regulations shall include the adoption of at 9 least the minimum qualifications for commercial drivers' licenses 10 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.

17 (f) The secretary of revenue may enter into a contract with any 18 person, who meets the qualifications imposed on persons regularly 19 employed by the division as drivers' license examiners, to accept 20 applications for drivers' licenses and to administer the examinations 21 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).

41 (c) (1) No person shall operate a motorcycle unless such person is
42 wearing an eye-protective device which shall consist of protective glasses,
43 goggles or transparent face shields which are shatter proof and impact

resistant, except when the motorcycle is equipped with a windscreenwhich has a minimum height of 10 inches measured from the center of thehandlebars.

4 (2) No person under the age of 18 years shall ride as a passenger on a 5 motorcycle unless such person is wearing an eye-protective device which 6 shall consist of protective glasses, goggles or transparent face shields 7 which are shatter proof and impact resistant.

8 (d) This section shall not apply to persons riding within an enclosed 9 cab, *an autocycle* or on a golf cart, nor shall it apply to any person 10 operating or riding any industrial or cargo-type vehicle having three 11 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.

16 Sec. 6. K.S.A. 8-1594 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-1594. 17 (a) A person operating a motorcycle shall ride only upon the permanent 18 and regular seat attached thereto, and such operator shall not carry any 19 other person nor shall any other person ride on a motorcycle, unless such 20 motorcycle is designed to carry more than one (1) person, in which event a 21 passenger may ride upon the permanent and regular seat if designed for 22 two-(2) persons, or upon another seat firmly attached to the motorcycle at 23 the rear or side of the operator.

(b) A person shall ride upon a motorcycle only while sitting astride
the seat, facing forward, with one leg on each side of the motorcycle. *This subsection shall not apply to any person riding within an autocycle.*

(c) No person shall operate a motorcycle while carrying any package,
bundle, or other article which prevents such person from keeping both
hands on the handlebars.

30 (d) No operator shall carry any person, nor shall any person ride, in a
31 position that will interfere with the operation or control of the motorcycle
32 or the view of the operator.

Sec. 7. 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.

40 Sec. 8. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 8-2503 is hereby amended to read as 41 follows: 8-2503. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b):

42 (1) Each occupant of either a passenger car manufactured with

43 safety belts in compliance with federal motor vehicle safety standard no.

1 208 or an autocycle, who is 18 years of age or older, shall have a safety

2 belt properly fastened about such person's body at all times when the
3 passenger car is in motion; and

4 (2) each occupant of either a passenger car manufactured with 5 safety belts in compliance with federal motor vehicle safety standard no. 6 208 or an autocycle, who is at least 14 years of age but less than 18 years 7 of age, shall have a safety belt properly fastened about such person's 8 body at all times when the passenger car is in motion.

(b) This section does not apply to:

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10 (1) An occupant of a passenger car who possesses a written 11 statement from a licensed physician that such person is unable for 12 medical reasons to wear a safety belt system;

(2) carriers of United States mail while actually engaged in delivery
 and collection of mail along their specified routes; or

(3) newspaper delivery persons while actually engaged in delivery
 of newspapers along their specified routes.

(c) The secretary of transportation shall initiate an educational
 program designed to encourage compliance with the safety belt usage
 provisions of this act.

20 (d) The secretary shall evaluate the effectiveness of this act and 21 shall include a report of its findings in the annual evaluation report on 22 its highway safety plan that it submits under 23 U.S.C. § 402.

23 (e) Law enforcement officers shall not stop drivers for violations of 24 subsection (a)(1) by a back seat occupant in the absence of another 25 violation of law. A citation for violation of subsection (a)(1) by a back 26 seat occupant shall not be issued without citing the violation that 27 initially caused the officer to effect the enforcement stop.

28 Sec. 8. 9. K.S.A. 8-1438 and 8-1594 and K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 8-126, 8234b, 8-1486and, 8-1598 and 8-2503 are hereby repealed.

30 Sec. <u>9.</u> 10. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its 31 publication in the Kansas register.

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