

**Local Mandate Fiscal Impact Estimate
Kentucky Legislative Research Commission
2016 Regular Session**

Part I: Measure Information

Bill Request #: 1069

Bill #: SB 126 SCS

Bill Subject/Title: AN ACT relating to autocycles.

Sponsor: Senator C. B. Embry

Unit of Government: City County Urban-County
 Charter County Consolidated Local Unified Local
Government

Office(s) Impacted: _____

Requirement: Mandatory Optional

Effect on Powers & Duties: Modifies Existing Adds New Eliminates Existing

Part II: Purpose and Mechanics

SB 126 SCS defines "autocycle" as any motor vehicle that:

- has a seat that the operator does not straddle or sit astride,
- has three wheels on the ground,
- exceeds 40 miles per hour,
- the operator and passenger ride side-by-side or in tandem,
- has a removable or fixed top enclosing the seating area,
- has a three-point safety belt system,
- may have manufacturer-installed air bags or roll cage,
- is controllable with a steering wheel and pedals,
- is not an alternative-speed motorcycle as defined in KRS 186.010(17)

SB 126 SCS creates a new section of KRS Chapter 189 to provide the provisions for the operation of an autocycle on a highway. These provisions are:

- the operator must have a valid operator's license
- the operator shall not be required to have a motorcycle license or endorsement

- the owner or operator is required to have insurance and the proof must be inside the autocycle at all times vehicle is on a highway
- an autocycle is considered to be a motorcycle for titling and registration purposes
- the operator must comply with all KRS Chapter 189 and 189A traffic regulations
- the operator is not required to wear protective headgear

SB 126 SCS prohibits an applicant from using an autocycle for road skills testing.

SB 126 SCS allows motorcycle dealers to sell autocycles.

SB 126 SCS requires autocycles be a distinct category for reporting and statistical purposes. Furthermore, autocycles shall not be considered to be a motor vehicle or a motorcycle for vehicle accident reporting purposes.

Part III: Fiscal Explanation, Bill Provisions, and Estimated Cost

The fiscal impact of SB 126 SCS on local governments is expected to be nil.

Accident reports are available to local law enforcement agencies online through the Kentucky Open Portal Solutions System (KYOPS). This includes both the Civilian Collision Report for accidents resulting in damage of less than \$500 and to be completed by the individual(s) involved in the mishap, and the formal report to be completed by an officer for accidents over \$500. **KYOPS is provided to local agencies at no cost to the agency.**

The accident report completed by an officer would have to be updated by the Kentucky State Police (KSP) to include the new classification in the pull down menu. The civilian form is generic and the type of vehicle may be written or typed in.

Albeit the great majority of local agencies are computer based, a number still prefer using paper forms. Paper forms will also be updated by KSP and made available to local agencies through a requisition process.

Data Source(s): Kentucky State Police, Franklin County KY Sheriff's Office.

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