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Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to autocycles, motorcycles, and mopeds; to
- 2 amend section 60-6,279, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 3 2020; to change helmet provisions; to require eye protection; and to
- 4 repeal the original section.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 60-6,279, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
2 2020, is amended to read:

3 60-6,279 (1) A person shall not operate a motorcycle or moped on any
4 highway in this state unless such person is wearing eye protection.

5 (2) Except as otherwise provided in subsections (3) and (4) of this
6 section, a A person shall not operate or be a passenger ~~in an autoeycle~~
7 ~~described in subsection (2) of this section,~~ on a motorcycle ~~other than~~
8 ~~an autoeycle,~~ or ~~on a~~ moped on any highway in this state unless such
9 person is wearing a protective helmet of the type and design manufactured
10 for use by operators of such vehicles and unless such helmet is secured
11 properly on such person's ~~his or her~~ head with a chin strap while the
12 vehicle is in motion. All such protective helmets shall be designed to
13 reduce injuries to the user resulting from head impacts and shall be
14 designed to protect the user by remaining on the user's head, deflecting
15 blows, resisting penetration, and spreading the force of impact. Each
16 such helmet shall consist of lining, padding, and chin strap and shall
17 meet or exceed the standards established in the United States Department
18 of Transportation's Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 218, 49
19 C.F.R. 571.218, for motorcycle helmets.

20 (3) A person who is at least twenty-one years of age and has been
21 certified by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation basic motorcycle rider
22 course or other substantially similar motorcycle rider course is exempt
23 from subdivision (2) of this section.

24 (4) For purposes of this section, eye protection means glasses that
25 cover the orbital region of a person's face, a protective face shield
26 attached to a protective helmet, goggles, or a windshield on the
27 motorcycle or moped that protects the operator's and passenger's
28 horizontal line of vision in all operating positions.

29 ~~(2) This section applies to an autoeycle that has a seating area~~
30 ~~that is not completely enclosed.~~

31 Sec. 2. Original section 60-6,279, Revised Statutes Cumulative

1 Supplement, 2020, is repealed.