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Act 34, effective July 25, 2016, adds a definition for an Autocycle.

An autocycle is defined as a three-wheeled motorcycle that has a steering wheel and seating that does not require the operator to straddle or sit astride. These vehicles typically have bucket seats, seat belts, a steering wheel, and gas and brake pedals similar to a car. The autocycle is registered under the general description of a motorcycle. Unlike a traditional motorcycle, the operator of an autocycle only needs a Class C motor vehicle license, not a motorcycle license (Class M). All other motorcycle laws and regulations apply. In addition, autocycles may not be used to take a Class C driver's test.

For purposes of the safety inspection, an autocycle receives the same inspection as a motorcycle. Only a safety inspector certified to inspect motorcycles may inspect an autocycle. The procedures in Section 175.160 of the Vehicle Equipment and Inspection Regulations (Publication 45) shall be followed when inspecting an autocycle.

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