

Approved August 14, 1985
Date

MINUTES OF THE House COMMITTEE ON Transportation

The meeting was called to order by Representative Rex Crowell at
Chairperson

1:30 ~~am~~/p.m. on February 13, 1985 in room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representatives Patrick and Ott, excused.

Committee staff present:

Hank Avila, Legislative Research Department
Fred Carman, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Donna Mulligan, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Mr. Richard V. Davis, Kansas Motorcycle Industry Council

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rex Crowell, and the first order of business was a hearing on HB-2222 concerning the definition of "motorized bicycle" to allow for the 3-wheel mopeds.

Mr. Richard V. Davis of the Kansas Motorcycle Industry Council, testified favorably concerning HB-2222. (See Attachment 1)

Mr. Davis explained that the purpose of this bill is to include under the definition of "moped" a new style moped which has three wheels, but otherwise meets all other statutory moped definition limitations. He added that the new 3-wheel moped is aimed at the senior citizen market.

Discussion ensued among Committee members and Mr. Davis concerning motorized bicycles, their requirements for licensing, as well as the requirements for road travel.

Mr. Davis emphasized that the 3-wheel moped should not be classified the same as a motorcycle, as it would then be allowed to travel on interstate highways and it should not be.

Representative Justice said he believes the new 3-wheel moped would be of great help to senior citizens and handicapped persons as it would allow them greater mobility.

The hearing was concluded on HB-2222.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.


Rex Crowell, Chairman

HB 2222

KANSAS MOTORCYCLE INDUSTRY COUNCIL

Represented By Richard V. Davis

PROPOSES

Change of KSA 8-126(aa) concerning redefining "Motorized Bicycle"

From: 0131 (aa) "Motorized bicycle." Every device having two tandem wheels which may be propelled by either human power or helper motor, or by both, and which has: A motor which produces not more than 3.5 brake horsepower; a cylinder capacity of not more than 50 cubic centimeters; an automatic transmission; and the capability of a maximum design speed of no more than 30 miles per hour.

To: 0131 (aa) "Motorized bicycle." every device having two tandem wheels (or three wheels), which may be propelled by either human power or helper motor, or by both, and which has: A motor which produces not more than 3.5 brake horsepower; a cylinder capacity of not more than 50 cubic centimeters; an automatic transmission; and the capability of a maximum design speed of no more than 30 miles per hour.

- A. The purpose of this request results from a new product soon to be marketed by a major manufacturer of "Motorized bicycles". This new product has one wheel in front and two wheels in the rear, and will comply with all other "Motorized bicycle" specifications. This 3-wheeled "Motorized bicycle" will be marketed primarily for Senior Citizens and the disabled.
- B. No conflict can be construed between the 3-wheeled "Motorized bicycle" and the other classification, "All-terrain vehicle", because a "Motorized bicycle" is for street use and an "All-terrain vehicle" is for off-highway use only, devoid of brake lights, turn signals and horn. Also the requirements of "All-terrain vehicles" specifically requires low pressure tires that are at least 6 inches wide. The 3-wheeled "Motorized bicycle" has tires significantly narrower than 6 inches.
- c. Likewise no confusion should exist as to the possibility that a 3-wheeled "Motorized bicycle" could be construed to be a motorcycle. The engine produces no more than 3.5 brake horsepower, a cylinder capacity of no more than 50 cubic centimeters, an automatic transmission, and a maximum design speed of no more than 30 miles per hour, which are the other requirements of a "Motorized bicycle".

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Attach. 1