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Senate Bill 857 (as reported without amendment)
Sponsor: Senator George A. McManus, Jr.
Committee: Transportation and Tourism

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to permit a low-speed vehicle to be operated on public roads under certain circumstances; prohibit a low-speed vehicle from being operated at a speed of more than 25 miles per hour; and prohibit its operation on a highway, road, or street with a speed limit over 35 miles per hour.

In general, the bill would include low-speed vehicles in the Code's provisions that prescribe the conditions for operating a bicycle or moped.

"Low-speed vehicle" would mean an electrically powered vehicle with a capacity of up to four persons, including the driver, weighing up to 1,800 pounds that was equipped with all of the following: headlamps; front and rear turn signal lamps, tail lamps, and stop lamps; reflex reflectors with one red on each side as far to the rear as practicable, and one red on the rear; an exterior mirror mounted on the driver's side of the vehicle and either an exterior mirror mounted on the passenger's side of the vehicle or an interior mirror; a parking brake; a windshield that met the standards prescribed in the Code; a vehicle identification number; and, a seat belt assembly conforming to the Code's requirements installed at each designated seating position.

Proposed MCL 257.660 et al.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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