HCS HB 1732 -- AUTOCYCLES

SPONSOR: Davis

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with Amendments" by the Standing Committee on Transportation by a vote of 12 to 0. Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Select Committee on State and Local Governments by a vote of 10 to 0.

This bill allows a licensed person to operate an autocycle on highways and streets without a helmet as long as it is equipped with a roof which meets established standards for protective headgear. The bill further clarifies that autocycles are motor vehicles, not motorcycles.

This bill is the same as HB 562 (2015).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that three-wheeled vehicles should not be treated like motorcycles.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Davis; Joe Widmer; Terry Cobb; Warren L. Atchison Sr.; Todd L. Adair; Anna Kabler; Leslie Morris; Bryan Crone; Mary Moeller; Cindy Morris; Tony Davis; Ronald L. Linxwiler; Olin Meadors; and Tracy Davis.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say that autocycles would still be titled and registered as motorcycles under the bill.

Testifying on the bill was the Department of Revenue.