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A BILL FOR

1 An Act to allow the use of motorcycles equipped with detachable
2 stabilizing rear wheels on Iowa roads.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 321.435 Motorcycles equipped with
2 detachable stabilizing wheels.

3 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a motor vehicle
4 that is originally designed as a two-wheeled motorcycle and
5 is modified using conversion hardware which allows for the
6 attachment and detachment of two stabilizing rear wheels may
7 be operated on a highway with the stabilizing wheels attached
8 in accordance with the provisions of this chapter applicable
9 to motorcycles. A motorcycle shall not be determined to be
10 reconstructed based on the sole fact that two stabilizing
11 wheels have been added as described in this section.

12 EXPLANATION

13 This bill authorizes operation of motorcycles equipped with
14 detachable stabilizing wheels on the rear of the motorcycle.
15 The additional wheels are typically installed using an assembly
16 mounted on brackets which are permanently attached to the frame
17 of the motorcycle. The assembly containing the wheels can be
18 removed from the brackets to convert the motorcycle back to
19 two-wheeled operation.

20 Under current law, the term "motorcycle" is defined to
21 include motor vehicles designed to travel on not more than
22 three wheels. The bill does not change that definition,
23 but allows a motorcycle designed to travel on two wheels
24 but equipped with detachable stabilizing rear wheels to be
25 operated on Iowa roads as a motorcycle. The bill states that a
26 motorcycle is not considered "reconstructed" solely because of
27 the addition of detachable stabilizing rear wheels.