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Mr. Speaker:

The Transportation Committee reports a favorable recommendation on **H.B. 561**, USE OF MOTORIZED VEHICLES BY MINORS AMENDMENTS, by Representative A. Matthews, with the following amendments:

Amendment 1

1 *Line 735 through 743:*

735 vehicle.

736 [~~57~~] (59) "Other on-track equipment" means a railroad car, hi-rail vehicle, rolling stock,
or

737 other device operated, alone or coupled with another device, on stationary rails.

738 (60) "Parent" or "guardian" means {~~:~~}

739 {(a)} an individual with a parent-child relationship under Section ~~{78B-15-102;~~
or} 81-5-102.

740 {(b) a legal parent under Section 78B-15-102.}

741 [~~58~~] (61) (a) "Park" or "parking" means the standing of a vehicle, whether the vehicle is
742 occupied or not.

743 (b) "Park" or "parking" does not include:

2 *Line 1183 through 1190:*

1183 (i) the parent or guardian was convicted under Subsection (3)(a); and

1184 (ii) the child commits a new violation after the conviction described in Subsection

1185 (3)(b)(i).

1186 (4) (a) A law enforcement officer may impound a motorcycle if the operator commits a

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1187 violation of this part.

(b) A law enforcement officer shall notify the parent or guardian of a child who violates this part.

1188 (5) An impoundment under this section is subject to Section 41-6a-1406.

1189 (6) A motorcycle impounded for a violation of Subsection (1) is subject to an

1190 administrative impound fee of \$50.

Amendment 2

1 Line 8 through 15:

8 #amends the definition of "motorcycle" to include a mini-motorcycle;

9 #provides that mini-motorcycles are the same as a motorcycle for purposes of traffic laws,

10 registration, insurance, and driver license purposes;

11 # { ~~creates an offense in certain circumstances for a parent or guardian of a child who violates~~

12 ~~certain safety provisions related to a bicycle, motorcycle, and other similar devices;~~ }

13 #provides for the impoundment of a motorcycle involved in certain traffic violations; and

14 #makes technical changes.

15 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

2 Line 1175 through 1192:

1175 (1) An adult, parent, or guardian may not authorize or knowingly permit a child to violate
1176 this part.

1177 (2) A child who violates this part is guilty of an infraction.

1178 { ~~(3) A parent or guardian of a child described in Subsection (2) is guilty of:~~ }

1179 { ~~(a) a class C misdemeanor if:~~ }

- 1180 { ~~(i) the child has previously committed a violation of this part; and~~ }
- 1181 { ~~(ii) the parent or guardian was notified of the prior violation; or~~ }
- 1182 { ~~(b) a class B misdemeanor if;~~ }
- 1183 { ~~(i) the parent or guardian was convicted under Subsection (3)(a); and~~ }
- 1184 { ~~(ii) the child commits a new violation after the conviction described in Subsection~~ }
- 1185 ~~(3)(b)(i);~~ }
- 1186 { ~~(4)~~ } ~~(3)~~ A law enforcement officer may impound a motorcycle if the operator commits a
- 1187 violation of this part.
- 1188 { ~~(5)~~ } ~~(4)~~ An impoundment under this section is subject to Section 41-6a-1406.
- 1189 { ~~(6)~~ } ~~(5)~~ A motorcycle impounded for a violation of Subsection (1) is subject to an
- 1190 administrative impound fee of \$50.
- 1191 { ~~(7)~~ } ~~(6)~~ The fee described in Subsection { ~~(6)~~ } ~~(5)~~ shall be deposited into the Brain and
- 1192 Spinal Cord
- 1192 Injury Fund created in Section 26B-1-318.

Respectfully,

Kay J. Christofferson
Chair

Voting: 11-0-1