

Motor Vehicle Advisory

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TO: All Interested Parties

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SUBJECT: Motorcycle Law Changes

Due to a change in state law regarding motorcycle and their riders, the Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) would like to share the following information with its partners:

Low-Speed Motorcycle

The holder of a Class D, basic driver license is legally authorized to operate a "low-speed motorcycle," which is a vehicle that has a maximum piston displacement that is less than 50cc (cubic centimeters) or a motor that is rated at no more than 1.5 brake horsepower with a maximum speed no more than 35 miles per hour on a flat surface.

These low-speed motorcycles may not be driven on any state toll road, limited-access highway or any public road with a posted speed limit greater than 35 miles per hour.

Motorcycle Permits

The holder of a motorcycle examination permit is prohibited from:

- Operating a motorcycle from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise
- Carrying passengers
- Riding on any state toll road or limited-access highway

Additionally, a motorcycle examination permit holder is no longer required to have an accompanying rider.