
SENATE BILL No. 483

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 9-13-2; IC 9-21.

Synopsis: Operation of motor scooters. Provides that a motor scooter may not be operated on an interstate highway or a sidewalk, or at a speed greater than 25 miles per hour. Provides that a person less than 18 years of age who operates or rides a motor scooter on a street or highway shall wear: (1) protective headgear or a helmet; and (2) protective glasses, goggles, or a transparent face shield.

Effective: July 1, 2000.

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January 10, 2000, read first time and referred to Committee on Public Policy.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 1999 General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 9-13-2-105 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2000]: Sec. 105. (a) "Motor
3 vehicle" means, except as otherwise provided in this section, a vehicle
4 that is self-propelled. The term does not include a "farm tractor" or
5 "implement of husbandry".

6 (b) "Motor vehicle", for purposes of IC 9-21, means:
7 (1) a vehicle, except a motorized bicycle **or motor scooter**, that
8 is self-propelled; or
9 (2) a vehicle that is propelled by electric power obtained from
10 overhead trolley wires, but not operated upon rails.

11 (c) "Motor vehicle", for purposes of IC 9-25, means a vehicle that
12 is self-propelled upon a highway in Indiana. The term does not include
13 a farm tractor **or motor scooter**.

14 (d) "Motor vehicle", for purposes of IC 9-30-10, does not include a
15 motorized bicycle **or motor scooter**.

16 SECTION 2. IC 9-13-2-108 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
17 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2000]: Sec. 108. "Motorcycle"



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1 means a motor vehicle with motive power having a seat or saddle for
 2 the use of the rider and designed to travel on not more than three (3)
 3 wheels in contact with the ground. The term does not include a farm
 4 tractor, **motor scooter**, or a motorized bicycle.

5 SECTION 3. IC 9-21-7-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 6 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2000]: Sec. 3. (a) This section does not apply
 7 to a motorcycle, **motor scooter**, or motorized bicycle.

8 (b) A motor vehicle must display at least two (2) lighted lamps, one
 9 (1) on each side at the front of the motor vehicle.

10 (c) Whenever a motor vehicle equipped with head lamps required
 11 under subsection (b) is also equipped with:

12 (1) auxiliary lamps;

13 (2) a spot lamp; or

14 (3) any other lamp on the front of the motor vehicle projecting a
 15 beam of intensity greater than three hundred (300) candlepower;
 16 not more than a total of four (4) lamps described in this subsection on
 17 the front of a vehicle may be lighted at one (1) time when upon a
 18 highway.

19 (d) Passenger buses, trucks, truck tractors, and certain trailers,
 20 semitrailers, and pole trailers must display clearance and marker lamps,
 21 reflectors, and stop lights as required under this title when operated
 22 upon a highway. Except as provided in subsection (e), all lamp
 23 equipment required on vehicles described in this subsection shall be
 24 lighted at the times specified in section 2 of this chapter.

25 (e) Clearance and sidemarker lamps are not required to be lighted
 26 on a vehicle described in subsection (d) when the vehicle is operated
 27 within a municipality where there is sufficient light to render clearly
 28 discernible persons and vehicles on the highway at a distance of five
 29 hundred (500) feet.

30 SECTION 4. IC 9-21-11-12.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 31 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 32 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2000]: **Sec. 12.5. A motor scooter may not be**
 33 **operated under any of the following circumstances:**

34 (1) **On an interstate highway or a sidewalk.**

35 (2) **At a speed greater than twenty-five (25) miles per hour.**

36 SECTION 5. IC 9-21-11-13 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 37 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2000]: Sec. 13. A person less than
 38 eighteen (18) years of age who operates or rides a motorized bicycle **or**
 39 **motor scooter** on a street or highway shall do the following:

40 (1) Wear protective headgear meeting the minimum standards set
 41 by the bureau or a helmet that meets the standards established by
 42 the United States Department of Transportation under 49 CFR



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- 1 571.218 in effect January 1, 1979.
- 2 (2) Wear protective glasses, goggles, or a transparent face shield.

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