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The Pocket Rocket Law

Motorized Scooter - Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 90 §1, New Definition

"Motorized Scooter", any 2 wheeled tandem or 3 wheeled device that has handlebars, designed to be stood or sat upon by the operator, powered by an electric or gas powered motor that is capable of propelling the device with or without human propulsion. The definition of a motorized scooter shall not include a motorcycle or motorized bicycle or a 3 wheeled motorized wheelchair.

Motorized Scooter MGL C.90 §1C Now States:

"Motorized bicycles and motorized scooters shall comply with all applicable federal motor vehicle standards."

New Section MGL C.90 §1E

A motorized scooter shall not be operated on any way by any person:

- Not possessing a valid driver's license or learner's permit
- Not wearing protective headgear in conformance with Registry standards; or
- Allowing another person to ride as a passenger; or
- Traveling:
 - On a limited access or express state highway where prohibited; or
 - At any time after sunset or before sunrise; or
 - At a speed in excess of 20mph; or
 - In violation of any traffic law or regulation of the commonwealth.
- Without operational stop and turn signals.

Fine Structure

- 1 Offense NMT \$25
- 2 Offense NLT \$25 NMT \$50
- Subsequent Offense NLT \$50 NMT \$100
 - NLT = Not Less Than
 - NMT = Not More Than

Vehicle is subject to tow under certain circumstances.