

AMENDED RULES & REGULATIONS REGARDING
DRIVER SAFETY
FOR MOTORIZED BICYCLE
MOTORIZED TRICYCLE & MOPED RENTERS

Pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws Chapter 31-2-4, 31-5-33 and 31-5-34, the Rhode Island Department of Transportation proposes to adopt written rules and regulations in reference to the rental of Motorized Bicycles, Motorized Tricycles and Mopeds in the State of Rhode Island.

I. PURPOSE

In order to promote highway safety and protect the lives and property of both residents and non-residents of the State of Rhode Island, the Rhode Island Department of Transportation proposes to establish certain rules and regulations that must be adhered to before Motorized Bicycles, Motorized Tricycles or Mopeds may be rented in the State.

II. DEFINITIONS

- A. Motorized Bicycle: Two wheel vehicle which may be propelled by human power and/or helper motor or both, with a motor rated not more than 1.5 brake horsepower or 2 (S.A.E.) horsepower which is capable of maximum speed of not more than thirty (30) miles per hour.
- B. Motorized Tricycle: Tricycle which may be propelled by human power or helper motor, or by both, with a motor rated no more than 1.5 brake horsepower which is capable of a maximum speed of not more than thirty (30) miles per hour.
- C. Moped: Popular name for vehicle designated a motorized bicycle under the statute.
- D. Licensed Rental Agency: Any agency licensed to do business in the State of Rhode Island under Rhode Island General Laws Chapter 31-5-33 and engaged in the business of renting motorized bicycles, motorized tricycles and mopeds.
- E. Qualified Operator: Any person operating a motorized bicycle, motorized tricycle or moped who is at least sixteen years of age and who possesses a valid license as an operator under the provisions of Chapter 10 of the Motor Vehicle Code.
- F. Renter: For the purpose of these regulations, any renter of a motorized bicycle, motorized tricycles or moped must, in fact, be the operator of that vehicle, and have been certified under these rules and regulations.

III. CONDITIONS

- A. These regulations shall apply to every licensed rental agency of motorized bicycles, motorized tricycles and mopeds in the State of Rhode Island.
- B. Deleted.
- C. On renting a motorized bicycle, motorized tricycle, or moped, all operators and passengers of said vehicles must be offered a safety helmet and eye protection by the licensed rental agency.
- D. At the time of rental all operators and passengers must be wearing shoes and shirts or rental will be refused.

IV. OPERATION: Deleted.

V. STANDARDS: Deleted.

VI. FEES: Deleted.

VII. APPLICATION:

These rules shall take effect following filing with the Secretary of State.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy.

Date:

Signed: Joseph Pezza
Director

Filed with the Office of the Secretary of State: May 31, 1985