

Nova Scotia Motor Vehicle Act

1 This Act may be cited as the *Motor Vehicle Act*. R.S., c. 293, s. 1.

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2 In this Act,

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(c) "bicycle" means

(i) a vehicle propelled by human power upon which or in which a person may ride and that has two tandem wheels either of which is 350 millimetres or more in diameter or that has four wheels any two of which are 350 millimetres or more in diameter but does not include a wheelchair, or

(ii) a vehicle propelled by human and mechanical power that is fitted with pedals that are operable at all times to propel the bicycle, that has the same wheel requirements as set out in subclause (i) and that has an attached motor driven by electricity not producing more than 500 watts or with a piston displacement of not more than 50 cubic centimetres and is incapable of providing further assistance when the vehicle attains a speed of thirty kilometres per hour on level ground;

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(l) "driver" means a person driving or in charge of a vehicle and includes the operator of a motor vehicle;

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(ca) "vehicle" means every device in, upon or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a public highway, excepting a motorized wheelchair and devices moved by human power or used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks.

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164 (1) Subject to subsection (2), the driver of a vehicle shall not drive within any sidewalk area except at a permanent or temporary driveway.

(2) Snow clearance equipment may be driven within any sidewalk area for the purpose of clearing snow or ice.

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169 (1) It shall be an offence for the operator of a bicycle or motorcycle, when upon the street to carry any other person upon the handlebar, frame or tank of any such vehicle or side-saddle on any such vehicle, or for any person to so ride upon any such vehicle.

(2) It shall be an offence for any person travelling upon a bicycle, motorcycle, coaster, sled, roller skates, skis, or any toy vehicle to cling to or attach himself or his vehicle to any other moving vehicle or street car upon a highway or for the driver of any such moving vehicle or street car to allow or permit any such person to cling to or attach himself or his vehicle to said moving vehicle or street car.

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170A (1) In this Section, "bicycle" includes any device designated to transport passengers and to be drawn by a bicycle.

(2) No person shall ride on or operate a bicycle unless the person is wearing a bicycle helmet that complies with the regulations and the chin strap of the helmet is securely fastened under the chin.

(3) No parent or guardian of a person under sixteen years of age shall authorize or knowingly permit that person to ride on or operate a bicycle unless the person is wearing a bicycle helmet as required by subsection (2).

(4) Every person who is sixteen years of age or older who violates a provision of this Section is guilty of an offence.

(5) A peace officer may seize and detain, for a period not to exceed thirty days, a bicycle that is being ridden on or operated by a person not wearing a helmet as required by subsection (2).

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171 (1) The rider of a bicycle shall not allow the same to proceed in a highway by inertia momentum, with his feet removed from the pedals, nor shall such rider remove both hands from the handlebars while riding the bicycle nor practise any trick or fancy riding on a highway.

(2) No person shall ride a bicycle, tricycle, or similar machine on a sidewalk, provided, nothing in this Section shall be deemed or construed to prevent the use of velocipedes or similar machines by children on a sidewalk in a public square, park, city or town.

(3) No person shall ride a bicycle on a highway except as near as practicable to the extreme right of the main travelled portion of the highway and no person shall ride a bicycle abreast of or generally parallel to another bicycle in motion on the highway except for the purpose of passing any such other bicycle.

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174 (1) Except as provided in this Section, every vehicle upon a highway within this Province during the period from a half hour after sunset to a half hour before sunrise and at any other time when visibility is so limited by fog, rain, snow or other atmospheric condition or by insufficiency of light as to render not clearly discernible any person on the highway at a distance of 300 metres ahead shall be equipped with lighted head lamps and lighted rear lamps as in this Section respectively required for different classes of vehicle and subject to exemption with reference to lights on parked vehicles as declared in subsection (10).

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(6) Every bicycle shall be equipped with a lighted lamp on the front thereof visible under normal atmospheric conditions from a distance of at least 100 metres in front of the bicycle and shall also be equipped with a reflex mirror or lamp on the rear exhibiting a red light visible under like conditions from a distance of at least 60 metres to the rear of such bicycle.

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183 (5) Every bicycle shall be equipped with a bell or horn in good working order, and it shall be an offence for any person to install or use upon a bicycle any siren or whistle.