

# State Statutes

I.C. 9-21-11-12:

Restrictions on speed, location and operation of motorized bicycles.

I.C. 9-21-11-13: Protective headgear required for motorized bicycles.

I.C. 9-13-2-109: Motorized bicycle defined.

I.C. 9-13-2-104: Motorized scooter defined.



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## Electric and Gas Powered Scooters



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## Description

- Range in price from \$90.00 to \$1,500.00.
- 12” tires
- Equipped with headlights, hand brake, speedometer, hand throttle, turn signals, basket or cargo rack, and brake light.
- Smaller versions weigh between 50 and 65 pounds. Larger ones weigh between 245 and 290 pounds.
- Smaller scooters have a 250 watt engine that can reach speeds of 15 to 22 mph for a distance of up to 12 miles per charge. Larger ones have a 500 watt motor that can reach speeds of 26 to 30 mph for a distance of up to 25 miles per charge.



## Definitions

Indiana state statute defines a **motorcycle** as a motor vehicle with motive power having a seat or saddle for the use of the rider and designed to travel on not more than 3 wheels in contact with the ground.

A **motorized bicycle** is defined as having 2 or 3 wheels that is propelled by an internal combustion engine or a battery powered motor and a maximum design speed of not more than 25 miles per hour.

It further defines a **motor scooter** as a vehicle that has motive power, a seat, but not a saddle, for the driver, 2 wheels and a floor pad for the driver's feet.

A moped, or motorized bicycle, is regulated by state statute. To be ridden on the roadway a moped rider must be at least 15 years of age, obtain a picture I.D. and travel at a speed no greater than 25 mph. Furthermore, a person less than 18 years of age who operates or rides a motorized bicycle on the street must wear protective headgear, and protective glasses or goggles.



## Areas of Use

Mopeds are regulated as to their area of use. Mopeds, or motorized bicycles, may not be operated on an interstate, highway or sidewalk.



Town Ordinance 54-241 states that no person upon roller skates, or riding in or by means of any coaster, toy vehicle or similar device, shall go upon any roadway except while crossing a street on a crosswalk.

Town Ordinance 54-12 stipulates that all motorized vehicles are prohibited from driving in the areas designated for bicycle traffic (bike path). Since scooters are considered vehicles powered by battery, they are motorized bicycles and may not be operated on sidewalks or bike paths.