

IC 9-21-10

Chapter 10. Motorcycles

IC 9-21-10-1 Version a

Passengers; number; seating restrictions

Note: This version of section effective until 1-1-2015. See also following version of this section, effective 1-1-2015.

Sec. 1. In addition to the person who operates a motorcycle that has only two (2) wheels in contact with the ground or pavement, one (1) person may be carried on the motorcycle. A passenger may be carried only on a firmly attached and regular seat designed for passenger use.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.9.

IC 9-21-10-1 Version b

Passengers; number; seating restrictions

Note: This version of section effective 1-1-2015. See also preceding version of this section, effective until 1-1-2015.

Sec. 1. (a) In addition to the person who operates a motorcycle or a Class A motor driven cycle, one (1) person may be carried on the motorcycle or Class A motor driven cycle. A passenger may be carried only on a firmly attached and regular seat designed for passenger use.

(b) A passenger may not be carried on a Class B motor driven cycle.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.9. Amended by P.L.221-2014, SEC.44.

IC 9-21-10-2 Version a

Passengers; interference with operation and control; obstruction of view

Note: This version of section effective until 1-1-2015. See also following version of this section, effective 1-1-2015.

Sec. 2. A passenger may not be carried on a motorcycle in a position that interferes with the operation or control of the motorcycle or the view of the person who operates the motorcycle.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.9.

IC 9-21-10-2 Version b

Passengers; interference with operation and control; obstruction of view

Note: This version of section effective 1-1-2015. See also preceding version of this section, effective until 1-1-2015.

Sec. 2. A passenger may not be carried on a motorcycle or Class A motor driven cycle in a position that interferes with the operation or control of the motorcycle or Class A motor driven cycle or the view of the person who operates the motorcycle or Class A motor driven cycle.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.9. Amended by P.L.221-2014, SEC.45.

IC 9-21-10-3 Version a

Packages, bundles, or other articles preventing proper use of handlebars

Note: This version of section effective until 1-1-2015. See also following version of this section, effective 1-1-2015.

Sec. 3. A person who operates a motorcycle may not carry a package, bundle, or other article that prevents the person from keeping both hands on the handlebars.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.9.

IC 9-21-10-3 Version b

Packages, bundles, or other articles preventing proper use of handlebars

Note: This version of section effective 1-1-2015. See also preceding version of this section, effective until 1-1-2015.

Sec. 3. A person who operates a motorcycle or motor driven cycle may not carry a package, bundle, or other article that prevents the person from keeping both hands on the handlebars.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.9. Amended by P.L.221-2014, SEC.46.

IC 9-21-10-4 Version a

Seating restrictions

Note: This version of section effective until 1-1-2015. See also following version of this section, effective 1-1-2015.

Sec. 4. A person may not drive, operate, or ride as a passenger on a motorcycle that has only two (2) wheels in contact with the ground or pavement in a position other than astride the seat or saddle provided.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.9.

IC 9-21-10-4 Version b

Seating restrictions

Note: This version of section effective 1-1-2015. See also preceding version of this section, effective until 1-1-2015.

Sec. 4. A person may not drive, operate, or ride as a passenger on a motorcycle or Class A motor driven cycle in a position other than astride the seat or saddle provided.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.9. Amended by P.L.221-2014, SEC.47.

IC 9-21-10-5 Version a

Headlamps; illumination during operation

Note: This version of section effective until 1-1-2015. See also following version of this section, effective 1-1-2015.

Sec. 5. Headlamps shall be illuminated at all times when a motorcycle is in operation.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.9.

IC 9-21-10-5 Version b

Headlamps; illumination during operation

Note: This version of section effective 1-1-2015. See also preceding version of this section, effective until 1-1-2015.

Sec. 5. Headlamps shall be illuminated at all times when a

motorcycle or motor driven cycle is in operation.
As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.9. Amended by P.L.221-2014, SEC.48.

IC 9-21-10-6

Traffic lanes; restrictions on use

Sec. 6. A motorcycle is entitled to the full use of a traffic lane and a vehicle may not be driven or operated in a manner that deprives another vehicle of the full use of a traffic lane. Motorcycles may, with the consent of both persons who operate the motorcycles, be operated with not more than two (2) abreast in a single traffic lane.
As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.9.

IC 9-21-10-7 Version a

Traffic regulations; application to motorcycles

Note: This version of section effective until 1-1-2015. See also following version of this section, effective 1-1-2015.

Sec. 7. (a) Subject to subsection (b), all traffic regulations and all rights and duties inured from the traffic regulations that apply to a person who drives or operates a motor vehicle apply to a person who operates a motorcycle, except the following:

- (1) Regulations that expressly do not apply to motorcycles.
- (2) Regulations that by their nature have no application.

(b) IC 9-21-3-7(b)(3)(D) applies to the operation of a motorcycle.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.9. Amended by P.L.206-2014, SEC.2.

IC 9-21-10-7 Version b

Applicability of traffic regulations

Note: This version of section effective 1-1-2015. See also preceding version of this section, effective until 1-1-2015.

Sec. 7. (a) Subject to subsection (b), all traffic regulations and all rights and duties inured from the traffic regulations that apply to a person who drives or operates a motor vehicle apply to a person who operates a motorcycle or motor driven cycle except the following:

- (1) Regulations that expressly do not apply to motorcycles or motor driven cycles.
- (2) Regulations that by their nature have no application.

(b) IC 9-21-3-7(b)(3)(D) applies to the operation of a motorcycle.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.9. Amended by P.L.206-2014, SEC.2; P.L.221-2014, SEC.49.

IC 9-21-10-8 Version a

Motorcycles prohibited from operation on highways

Note: This version of section effective until 1-1-2015. See also following version of this section, effective 1-1-2015.

Sec. 8. A motorcycle:

- (1) with a design speed of not more than thirty (30) miles per hour; and
- (2) that has a seat, but not a saddle;

may not be operated on an interstate highway or on a highway outside the limits of a city or town.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.9.

IC 9-21-10-8 Version b

Motor driven cycles prohibited from operation on highways

Note: This version of section effective 1-1-2015. See also preceding version of this section, effective until 1-1-2015.

Sec. 8. A motor driven cycle may not be operated on an interstate highway.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.9. Amended by P.L.221-2014, SEC.50.

IC 9-21-10-9 Version a

Drivers or passengers under 18 years of age; headgear and goggles

Note: This version of section effective until 1-1-2015. See also following repeal of this section, effective 1-1-2015.

Sec. 9. If a person who is less than eighteen (18) years of age is operating or riding on a motorcycle on the streets or highways, the person shall wear the following:

- (1) Protective headgear meeting the minimum standards set by the bureau.
- (2) Protective glasses, goggles, or a transparent face shield.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.9.

IC 9-21-10-9 Version b

Repealed

(Repealed by P.L.221-2014, SEC.51.)

Note: This repeal of section effective 1-1-2015. See also preceding version of this section, effective until 1-1-2015.

IC 9-21-10-10 Version a

Renting or furnishing a motorcycle to an unlicensed driver; prohibition

Note: This version of section effective until 1-1-2015. See also following version of this section, effective 1-1-2015.

Sec. 10. A person may not rent, lease, or furnish a motorcycle to another person for use on the streets and highways who is not regularly licensed to operate a motor vehicle by the state in which the other person is a resident.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.9.

IC 9-21-10-10 Version b

Renting or furnishing a motorcycle or Class A motor driven cycle to unlicensed driver

Note: This version of section effective 1-1-2015. See also preceding version of this section, effective until 1-1-2015.

Sec. 10. A person may not rent, lease, or furnish a motorcycle or Class A motor driven cycle to another person for use on the streets and highways who is not regularly licensed to operate a motor vehicle by the state in which the other person is a resident.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.9. Amended by P.L.221-2014, SEC.52.

IC 9-21-10-11 Version a

Subleasing or otherwise authorizing use of motorcycle to an unlicensed driver; prohibition

Note: This version of section effective until 1-1-2015. See also following version of this section, effective 1-1-2015.

Sec. 11. A person to whom a motorcycle is rented, leased, or furnished may not rent, sublease, or otherwise authorize the use of the motorcycle on the streets and highways to a person who is not licensed to operate a vehicle in Indiana.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.9.

IC 9-21-10-11 Version b

Authorizing use of motorcycle or Class A motor driven cycle by unlicensed driver

Note: This version of section effective 1-1-2015. See also preceding version of this section, effective until 1-1-2015.

Sec. 11. A person to whom a motorcycle or Class A motor driven cycle is rented, leased, or furnished may not rent, sublease, or otherwise authorize the use of the motorcycle or Class A motor driven cycle on the streets and highways to a person who is not licensed to operate a vehicle in Indiana.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.9. Amended by P.L.221-2014, SEC.53.

IC 9-21-10-12 Version a

Renting, leasing, or furnishing an unsafe motorcycle; prohibition

Note: This version of section effective until 1-1-2015. See also following version of this section, effective 1-1-2015.

Sec. 12. A person may not rent, lease, or furnish a motorcycle that is not in safe operating condition.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.9.

IC 9-21-10-12 Version b

Renting, leasing, or furnishing unsafe motorcycle or motor driven cycle

Note: This version of section effective 1-1-2015. See also preceding version of this section, effective until 1-1-2015.

Sec. 12. A person may not rent, lease, or furnish a motorcycle or motor driven cycle that is not in safe operating condition.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.9. Amended by P.L.221-2014, SEC.54.

IC 9-21-10-13

Violations; Class C infraction

Sec. 13. A person who violates this chapter commits a Class C infraction.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.9.