

Scooter Laws by State



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| Alabama | <p>SB312 (Enacted) amends Section 32-1- 1.1 of the Code of Alabama 1975 and adds Section 32-19-2 to provide for the operation of shared micromobility device systems, require the consent of a county or municipality prior to the use of the system in the county or municipality, and define the terms Scooter, Shared Micromobility Device, and Shared Micromobility Device System. “Scooter” is a device weighing less than 100 pounds that has handlebars and an electric motor, is solely powered by an electric motor or human power, and has a maximum speed of no more than 20 mph on a paved level surface when powered solely by the electric motor. A “Shared micromobility device system” provides bicycles, tricycles, scooters, hoverboards, skateboards, pedal cars, or similar devices, with or without docking stations, to users for short-term rentals.</p> | | <p>HB399 (Introduced)</p> <p>Electric Foot Scooter means any vehicle with not more than two 12-inch or smaller diameter wheels that has handlebars, is designed to be stood upon by the user, and is powered by an electric motor that is capable of propelling the device at a speed not more than 20 mph.</p> | <p>HB399 (Introduced)</p> <p>Class 3 municipalities may regulate the use of electric foot scooters within the corporate limits of the municipality. Scooters must have brakes and front and back lamps (if driven at night). Scooters may be parked on a sidewalk. Every person driving a scooter has the same rights as a person riding a bicycle.</p> |

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| <p>Arizona</p> | | | <p>SB1398 (Enacted)</p> <p>Electric Miniature Scooter means a device that weighs less than 30 pounds, has 2 or 3 wheels, has handlebars, has a floorboard a person stands while riding, is powered by an electric motor and/or human power, and has a maximum speed that does not exceed 10 mph.</p> <p>Electric Standup Scooter means a device that weighs less than 75 pounds, has 2 or 3 wheels, has handlebars, has a floorboard a person stands while riding, is powered by an electric motor and/or human power, has a maximum speed that does not exceed 20 mph, and does not include an electric miniature scooter</p> | <p>SB1398 (Enacted)</p> <p>A local authority may consider the environmental and traffic benefits when regulating scooters. Operator of an electric standup scooter is granted the same rights as a bicyclist. An electric standup scooter must have a unique identification that consists of letters and/or numbers that is available from a distance of at least 5 feet</p> |
| <p>Arkansas</p> | | | <p>HB1619 (Enacted)</p> <p>Electric Motorized Scooter means a device that weighs less than 100 pounds, has 2 or 3 wheels, has a handlebar, is equipped with a floorboard that can be used to stand on while riding, is powered by an electric motor, and has a maximum speed of 20 mph.</p> | <p>HB1619 (Enacted)</p> <p>A local authority may establish standards for the safe operation of electric motorized scooters and the presence of electric motorized scooters on public property. A local authority may require a scooter-share operator to provide anonymized fleet and activity data for all trips starting or ending within the jurisdiction of the local authority and all ride activity resulting in an accident.</p> |

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| California | <p>§ 407.5</p> <p>Motorized scooter means any device with 2 wheels, handlebars, a floorboard that is designed to be stood upon while riding, and is powered by an electric motor.</p> | | | <p>AB1112 (Pending)</p> <p>All shared scooter operators must include a unique alphanumeric ID. All scooter share operators must maintain insurance coverage for general liability and automobile insurance.</p> <p>AB1286 (Pending)</p> <p>Requires shared scooter operators to maintain liability insurance.</p> |
| Colorado | | | <p>HB1221 (To Governor)</p> <p>Electric scooter means a device weighing less than 100 pounds, has handle bars, and electric motor, and has a maximum speed of 20 mph.</p> | |
| Connecticut | | | <p>HB7141 (Pending)</p> <p>Electric foot scooter means a device that weighs not more than 65 pounds, has 2 or 3 wheels, handle bars, a floorboard than can be stood upon while riding, powered by an electric motor, and has a maximum speed not more than 20 mph.</p> | <p>HB7141 (Pending)</p> <p>A person may park an electric foot scooter on sidewalks as long as it does not block traffic on the sidewalk.</p> |
| Delaware | | | | <p>§ 4198N</p> <p>Motorized scooters may only be operated on a public highway, street, or sidewalk if it is there is a special event of limited duration or if it is pushed by human power and not the motor.</p> |

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| Florida | | | <p>HB453 (Pending)</p> <p>A county or municipality may regulate the operation of motorized scooters. A county or municipality may require a shared scooter operator to carry general liability insurance.</p> | <p>SB542 (Pending) & HB453 (Pending)</p> <p>Operator of a motorized scooter has the same rights as a bicyclist. Person does not have to have a driver’s license to operate a motorized scooters.</p> |
| Georgia | | | <p>SB159 (Pending)</p> <p>Motorized mobility device means a vehicle weighing less than 75 pounds, equipped with handlebars, a floorboard for standing on while operating, has 2 or 3 wheels, designed to transport only one person, and has a maximum speed not to exceed 20 mph.</p> | <p>SB159 (Pending)</p> <p>Anyone operating an electric scooter on a sidewalk must yield to pedestrians at all times. When passing a pedestrian a scooter operator must give an audible warning, travel at a speed no faster than 7 mph, and maintain a distance of 2 feet between the scooter and the pedestrian. A scooter operator may ride in a bike path, on a road where the speed limit is 35 mph or less, and on a sidewalk. A person may park a scooter on a sidewalk.</p> |
| Hawaii | | | <p>SB665 (Pending)</p> <p>Electric foot scooter means a device weighing less than 100 pounds with 2 or 3 wheels, handlebars, and a floorboard that can be stood upon while riding, is powered by an electric motor, whose maximum speed is no more than 20 mph.</p> | <p>SB665 (pending)</p> <p>Electric scooters may be parked on a sidewalk. Electric scooters operated 30 minutes before sunrise or 30 minutes after sunset must have headlamps. A person must be 14 years old to operate an electric scooter on a roadway.</p> <p>HB754 (Pending)</p> <p>Any negligence or misconduct by a minor while driving an electric foot scooter is imputed to the parent or guardian having custody of the minor. No person under 15 years old can operate a scooter on a road. No person operating a scooter may carry any item that would prevent them from using both hands to control the scooter. Scooters used after dark must have lamps.</p> |

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| Illinois | | | <p>HB1590 (Pending)</p> <p>Low speed electric scooter means a device weighing less than 100 pounds, with 2 or 3 wheels, handlebars, and a floorboard that can be stood upon while riding, that is powered by an electric motor, whose maximum speed is not more than 20 mph.</p> | <p>HB1590 (Pending)</p> <p>A person may operate an electric scooter where the operation of bicycles are permitted. A person must have a driver’s license and be 16 years old to operate an electric scooter. An electric scooter may be parked in the same locations a bicycle may be parked. If operated in the dark, a scooter must have lamps. Electric scooters must be equipped with a brake.</p> |
| Indiana | | | <p>HB1649 (Enrolled)</p> <p>Electric foot scooter means a device weighing not more than 100 pounds, designed to travel on not more than 3 wheels, with handlebars and a floorboard the rider stands upon during operation, and is powered by an electric motor that is not capable of powering the device at a speed above 20 mph.</p> | <p>HB1649 (Enrolled)</p> <p>A person operating an electric foot scooter has the same rights as a bicyclist. Scooter operated in the dark must have lamps. Scooter must be equipped with brakes. Scooter may be parked on the sidewalk, unless a local authority prohibits it and provides an adequate alternative parking area. Scooter may be operated anywhere a bicycle may be operated.</p> <p>HB1036 (Pending)</p> <p>Shared mobility vendor must assume liability for injuries and damage suffered by a person in connection with the shared mobility device. Vendors must maintain liability insurance. Vendors must post its phone number on the shared mobility device. Vendor must respond to a person that contacts the vendor by phone number within 24 hours.</p> |

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| Louisiana | | | <p>HB534 (Introduced)</p> <p>Electric low speed scooter means a device weighing less than 100 pounds that has handlebars and an electric motor, is powered by an electric motor, and has a maximum speed of not more than 20 mph.</p> | <p>HB534 (Introduced)</p> <p>Electric scooters have the same rights as bicyclists. Operator must be 15 years old to operate a scooter on a road. Operator of a scooter cannot carry any item that prevents the operator from keeping at least one hand on the handlebars. Scooter operator cannot exceed 15 mph on roadways and cannot exceed 8 mph on sidewalks. Electric scooters must have brakes and lighted lamps. Operator of a scooter that is under 18 years old must wear a helmet.</p> |
| Maryland | | | <p>HB748 (To Governor)</p> <p>Electric low speed scooter means a vehicle that is designed to transport only the operator, weighs less than 100 pounds, has single wheels in tandem or a combination of 1 or 2 wheels at the front and rear of the vehicle, is equipped with handlebars and a platform designed to be stood on while riding, is powered by an electric motor, and is capable of operating at a speed of up to 20 mph.</p> | |
| Nebraska | | | <p>LB665 (Introduced)</p> <p>Electric foot scooter means any device weighing less than 100 pounds with 2 or 3 wheels, handlebars, and a floorboard that can be stood upon while riding, is powered by an electric motor, and has a maximum speed no more than 20 mph</p> | <p>LB665 (Introduced)</p> <p>Scooter share operators must have general liability insurance, automobile insurance, and umbrella or excess liability coverage. Local authorities may regulate the operation of electric scooters within their jurisdiction. Shared scooters must have a unique alphanumeric identification and a locking mechanism to enable the user to lock the scooter on a bike rack. Local authority may require scooter share operators to turn over anonymized data for trips within its jurisdiction.</p> |

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| Nevada | | | <p>AB485 (Introduced)</p> <p>Electric foot scooter means a vehicle with handlebars and an electric motor that is designed to be ridden on in an upright position and is propelled by an electric motor that does not weigh more than 100 pounds, and has a maximum speed of 20 mph.</p> | <p>AB485 (Introduced)</p> <p>A local authority may regulate electric scooters and scooter-share operators.</p> |
| North Carolina | | | <p>HB77 (Introduced)</p> <p>Electric standup scooter means a device with no more than 3 12 inch or smaller diameter wheels that has handlebars, is designed to be stood upon by the user, and is powered by an electric motor at a speed no greater than 20 mph.</p> | <p>SB620 (Introduced)</p> <p>Scooter share operator is required to carry various insurances. Scooters have the same rights as bicyclists. Scooters may be parked on a sidewalk. Scooters must be equipped with brakes and lamps. Scooters may not be operated at a speed greater than 15 mph. Operator of an electric scooter must be 16 or older. Local authorities may regulate the maximum speed of scooters in pedestrian zones and asses penalties against operators of scooters for moving or parking violations. Local authorities may require scooter share programs to provide data for trips within its jurisdiction.</p> |
| Oklahoma | | | <p>HB1105 (Introduced)</p> <p>Motorized scooter means any vehicle not having more than 3 wheels, handlebars and a foot support or seat for the use of the operator, electric powered motor capable of propelling the vehicle at a maximum speed of not more than 25 mph, and has a power output of not more than 1,000 watts.</p> | |

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| Oregon | <p>§ 801.348</p> <p>Motor assisted scooter means a vehicle that is designed to be operated with not more than 4 wheels, has a foot support or seat for the operator’s use, can be propelled by motor or human propulsion, and is equipped with a power source that is incapable of propelling the vehicle at a speed great than 24 mph, and has an electric motor whose power output is not greater than 1,000 watts.</p> | <p>§ 814.510</p> <p>Scooters have the same rights as any other vehicle operating on a highway. Operator of a scooter must be at least 16 years old and cannot operate the scooter at a speed greater than 15 mph.</p> | | |
| Tennessee | | | <p>HB1220 (Introduced)</p> <p>Electric foot scooter means a device weighing less than 100 pounds, with 2 or 3 wheels, handlebars, and a floorboard that can be stood upon while riding, which is powered by an electric motor whose maximum speed is no more than 20 mph.</p> | |

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| Texas | <p>§ 551.351(1)</p> <p>Motor-assisted scooter means a self-propelled device with at least 2 wheels, a braking system, an electric motor not exceeding 40 cubic centimeters, a deck designed to allow a person to stand or sit while operating the device, and the ability to be propelled by human power alone.</p> | | <p>HB4499 (Introduced)</p> <p>Motor-assisted scooter means a self-propelled device with at least 2 wheels, a braking system, an electric motor with a power output not exceeding 1,000 watts, a deck designed to allow a person to stand or sit while operating the device, and the ability to be propelled by human power alone</p> | <p>HB4499 (Introduced)</p> <p>A person may operate a scooter on a roadway if the roadway has a speed limit of 30 mph or less and the person operates as near as practicable to the right edge of the roadway. A local authority may regulate scooters.</p> |
| Utah | | | <p>SB139 (Enrolled)</p> <p>Motor assisted scooter means a self-propelled device with at least 2 wheels, a braking system, an electric motor not exceeding 2,000 watts, either handlebars and a deck designed for a person to stand while operating the device or handlebars and a seat, and has a maximum speed of 20 mph.</p> | <p>SB139 (enrolled)</p> <p>Person may not drink an alcoholic beverage while operating a motor assisted scooter. Scooters may be operated on sidewalks. Local authorities may regulate scooter-share programs.</p> |
| Virginia | | | <p>Act 780</p> <p>Motorized scooter means any vehicle designed to allow an operator to sit or stand, is powered by an electric motor, weighs less than 100 pounds, and has a speed of no more than 20 mph.</p> | <p>Act 780</p> <p>Cannot park a scooter on a sidewalk in a manner that impedes the normal traffic. No person should operate a scooter at a speed more than 20 mph. Any local authority may regulate the use of scooters within its jurisdiction.</p> |

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| Washington | <p>§ 46.04.336</p> <p>Motorized foot scooter means a device with no more than 2 10 inch or smaller diameter wheels that has handlebars, is designed to be stood upon by the operator, and is powered by an electric motor at a speed no more than 20 mph.</p> | | <p>HB1772 (Enrolled)</p> <p>Motorized foot scooter means a device with 2 or 3 wheels that has handlebars, a floorboard that can be stood upon while riding, and is powered by an electric motor that has a maximum speed of no greater than 20 mph.</p> | <p>HB1772 (Enrolled)</p> <p>Must be 16 or older to operate a motorized foot scooter. Scooters may only be operated at a speed up to 15 mph on a roadway or bicycle lane and may only be operated on a sidewalk if authorized by a local jurisdiction.</p> |
| Wisconsin | | | | <p>SB152 (Introduced)</p> <p>Electric scooters are exempt from vehicle registration. Operators of electric scooters must observe the rules of the road. Electric scooters may be operated on roadways, sidewalks, and bike lanes, but local authorities may regulate the rental and operation of scooters. Electric scooters must have lights and brakes.</p> |

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