



# *State of Tennessee*

## **PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 100**

### **SENATE BILL NO. 976**

**By Powers, Bowling, Rose**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 825

By Gillespie, White, Hardaway, Thompson, Parkinson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, relative to motorscooters.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-8-101(43), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting instead:

(43) "Moterscooter" means any two- or three-wheel automatic transmission vehicle with a motor that produces no more than thirty (30) brake horsepower, a motor with a cylinder capacity not exceeding three hundred cubic centimeters (300cc) or an electric motor not to exceed five thousand watts (5,000W), a wheelbase not to exceed sixty-four inches (64"), and a maximum dry weight of four hundred fifty pounds (450 lbs.). "Moterscooter" does not include an electric scooter or personal delivery device;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-8-101(21)(A)(ii), is amended by deleting "motor-driven cycle" and substituting instead "moterscooter".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-8-127(a), is amended by deleting "motor-driven cycle" and substituting instead "moterscooter".

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-8-155(a), is amended by deleting "motor-driven cycle" wherever it appears and substituting instead "moterscooter".

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-9-101(1), is amended by deleting "'motor-driven cycle,' and 'motorized bicycle'" and substituting instead "'motorized bicycle,' and 'moterscooter'".

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-9-302(a), is amended by deleting "motor-driven cycle" and substituting instead "moterscooter".

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-9-303, is amended by deleting "motor-driven cycle" and substituting instead "moterscooter".

SECTION 8. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-9-304, is amended by deleting "motor-driven cycle" wherever it appears and substituting instead "moterscooter".

SECTION 9. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-9-305, is amended by deleting "motor-driven cycles" wherever it appears and substituting instead "moterscooters".

SECTION 10. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-9-307, is amended by deleting "motor-driven cycle" and substituting instead "moterscooter".

SECTION 11. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-9-402(b)(1), is amended by deleting "motor-driven cycles" and substituting instead "moterscooters".

SECTION 12. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-102(22)(E), is amended by deleting "'motor-driven cycle" or a "motorized bicycle" as defined in § 55-8-101" and substituting instead "'moterscooter," or a "motorized bicycle"'; and by deleting "motor driven cycle license" and substituting instead "moterscooter license".

SECTION 13. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-102(22)(F), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting instead:

(F) CLASS M.

(i) The Class M license is valid for all motorcycles, including all motorscooters. This license classification may be added to a license valid for another class, or it may be issued as the only classification on a license if the applicant is not licensed for another classification.

(ii) A Class M-limited license may also be issued and is valid for all motorscooters, including mopeds, but not for larger motorcycles. The department may develop knowledge and skills tests that are suitable for the Class M-limited license and for the operation of motorscooters.

SECTION 14. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-102(43), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting instead:

(43) "Moterscooter" has the same meaning as defined in § 55-8-101;

SECTION 15. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-102(38), is amended by deleting the subdivision.

SECTION 16. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-312(e), is amended by deleting "motor-driven cycle" wherever it appears and substituting instead "motorscooter".

SECTION 17. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-351(a), is amended by deleting "motor-driven cycle" and substituting instead "motorscooter".

SECTION 18. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-53-102(b), is amended by deleting ""motor-driven cycle," "motor scooter"" and substituting instead ""motorscooter,""; and by deleting "motor-driven cycles, motor scooters" and substituting instead "motorscooters,".

SECTION 19. For purposes of promulgating rules, this act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act takes effect July 1, 2024, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: March 13, 2023

  
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RANDY McNALLY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
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CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 31<sup>st</sup> day of March 2023

  
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BILL LEE, GOVERNOR