

DRAFT - Summary of Vermont's Existing Laws for Bicycles, Motorcycles and Micromobility Devices

Type	Min. Age	License Req'd?	Registration	Helmet	Other Equipment Required	Lights	Speed Restriction	Motor restriction	Considered a Motor Vehicle?	Position on Roadway	State Statute Reference
Motorcycle	16 (License)	Yes	Yes	Yes	If no windshield, operator shall wear glasses, goggles or face shield	Headlight and taillight required 30 minutes after sunset to 30 minutes before sunrise.	Same as vehicles (posted speed limit) – No restriction built into the motorcycle itself	None?	Yes	Same use as motor vehicle i.e. travel lanes	23 VSA §4(18)(A)
Motor Driven Cycle (commonly known as a moped)	16 (License)	Yes	Yes			Headlight and taillight required 30 minutes after sunset to 30 minutes before sunrise.	30 MPH unassisted on level roadway	Maximum of two brake horsepower and maximum piston or rotor displacement of 50 cubic centimeters	Yes	Same use as motor vehicle i.e. travel lanes	23 VSA §4(45)(A)
Bicycle	None	No	No	No	Brake that enables operator to make the braked wheels skid on dry, level, clean pavement.	Front white light from half hour after sunset to half hour before sunrise and rear steady or flashing red light OR minimum of 20 square inches of reflective material or both.	Same as vehicles (posted speed limit) – No restriction built into the bicycle itself	n/a	No (However, same rights and responsibilities, as applicable)	As near to the right side of the improved part of the highway "as is safe" – exceptions noted for moving left (debris, left turns, etc.)	19 VSA §2301
Motor Assisted Bicycle	None	No	No		Same as bicycle	Same as bicycle	20 MPH by motor alone on paved level surface with 170 lb. operator	Internal combustion motor not to exceed 1000 watts or 1.3 HP and electric motor not to exceed 1000 watts	No	Same as bicycle	23 VSA §4(45)(B)(i)
Class 1 Ebike	None	No	No	No	Same as bicycle	Same as bicycle	Assistance only when pedaling and cut off of assistance at 20 MPH	Fully operable pedals and an electric motor less than 750 watts	No		23 VSA §4(46)(A)(i)
Class 2 Ebike	None	No	No	No	Same as bicycle	Same as bicycle	Assistance may be by motor alone and cuts off assistance at 20 MPH	Fully operable pedals and an electric motor less than 750 watts	No		23 VSA §4(46)(A)(ii)
Class 3 Ebike	16 +	No	No	No	Same as bicycle	Same as bicycle	Assistance only when pedaling and cut off of assistance at 28 MPH	Fully operable pedals and an electric motor less than 750 watts	No		23 VSA §4(46)(A)(iii)
Segway (Electric personal assistive mobility device – EPAMD)	None	No	No	No	Front, rear and side reflectors. A system to bring the device to a controlled stop	Front white light from half hour after sunset to half hour before sunrise	No		No (same rights and duties as pedestrians)	Municipality may regulate use and operation	23 VSA §1141a