



## 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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HB2329

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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/1-140.11 new	
625 ILCS 5/1-146	from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 1-146
625 ILCS 5/1-217	from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 1-217
625 ILCS 5/11-1518 new	

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Defines "low-speed electric scooter". Provides that a person may not operate a low-speed electric scooter without a driver's license, instruction permit, or State identification card and unless he or she is 16 years of age or older. Provides that a person may operate a low-speed electric scooter where the operation of bicycles is permitted, including, but not limited to, bicycle lanes and bicycle paths, and shall have all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to the rider of a bicycle. Provides requirements for lamps and reflectors for use at nighttime. Provides requirement for brakes. Prohibits the equipping or use of sirens, with the exception of scooters that are police vehicles or fire department vehicles. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning transportation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by  
5 changing Sections 1-146 and 1-217 and by adding Sections  
6 1-140.11 and 11-1518 as follows:

7 (625 ILCS 5/1-140.11 new)

8 Sec. 1-140.11. Low-speed electric scooter. A device  
9 weighing less than 100 pounds, with 2 or 3 wheels, handlebars,  
10 and a floorboard that can be stood upon while riding, that is  
11 solely powered by an electric motor and human power, and whose  
12 maximum speed, with or without human propulsion on a paved  
13 level surface, is no more than 20 miles per hour. "Low-speed  
14 electric scooter" does not include a moped, motor-driven  
15 cycle, motor vehicle, or vehicle.

16 (625 ILCS 5/1-146) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 1-146)

17 Sec. 1-146. Motor vehicle. Every vehicle which is  
18 self-propelled and every vehicle which is propelled by  
19 electric power obtained from overhead trolley wires, but not  
20 operated upon rails, except for vehicles moved solely by human  
21 power, motorized wheelchairs, low-speed electric bicycles,  
22 low-speed electric scooters, and low-speed gas bicycles. For

1 this Act, motor vehicles are divided into two divisions:

2 First Division: Those motor vehicles which are designed  
3 for the carrying of not more than 10 persons.

4 Second Division: Those motor vehicles which are designed  
5 for carrying more than 10 persons, those motor vehicles  
6 designed or used for living quarters, those motor vehicles  
7 which are designed for pulling or carrying freight, cargo or  
8 implements of husbandry, and those motor vehicles of the First  
9 Division remodelled for use and used as motor vehicles of the  
10 Second Division.

11 (Source: P.A. 96-125, eff. 1-1-10.)

12 (625 ILCS 5/1-217) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 1-217)

13 Sec. 1-217. Vehicle. Every device, in, upon or by which  
14 any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a  
15 highway or requiring a certificate of title under Section  
16 3-101(d) of this Code, except devices moved by human power,  
17 low-speed electric scooters, devices used exclusively upon  
18 stationary rails or tracks and snowmobiles as defined in the  
19 Snowmobile Registration and Safety Act.

20 For the purposes of this Code, unless otherwise  
21 prescribed, a device shall be considered to be a vehicle until  
22 such time it either comes within the definition of a junk  
23 vehicle, as defined under this Code, or a junking certificate  
24 is issued for it.

25 For this Code, vehicles are divided into 2 divisions:

1 First Division: Those motor vehicles which are designed  
2 for the carrying of not more than 10 persons.

3 Second Division: Those vehicles which are designed for  
4 carrying more than 10 persons, those designed or used for  
5 living quarters and those vehicles which are designed for  
6 pulling or carrying property, freight or cargo, those motor  
7 vehicles of the First Division remodelled for use and used as  
8 motor vehicles of the Second Division, and those motor  
9 vehicles of the First Division used and registered as school  
10 buses.

11 (Source: P.A. 92-812, eff. 8-21-02.)

12 (625 ILCS 5/11-1518 new)

13 Sec. 11-1518. Low-speed electric scooters.

14 (a) A person may operate a low-speed electric scooter  
15 where the operation of bicycles is permitted, including, but  
16 not limited to, bicycle lanes and bicycle paths, and shall  
17 have all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the  
18 duties applicable to the rider of a bicycle under this  
19 Chapter, except as otherwise provided in this Section, and  
20 except for provisions that by their nature can have no  
21 application, including subsection (a) of Section 11-1503.

22 (b) A person may not operate a low-speed electric scooter  
23 without a driver's license, instruction permit, or State  
24 identification card.

25 (c) A person may not operate a low-speed electric scooter

1 unless he or she is 16 years of age or older.

2 (d) A low-speed electric scooter may be parked in the same  
3 manner and at the same locations as a bicycle may be parked.

4 (e) Every low-speed electric scooter when in use at  
5 nighttime shall be equipped with a lamp on the front that emits  
6 a white light visible from a distance of at least 500 feet to  
7 the front and with a red reflector on the rear that is visible  
8 from all distances from 100 feet to 600 feet to the rear when  
9 directly in front of lawful lower beams of headlamps on a motor  
10 vehicle, except that a lamp emitting a steady or flashing red  
11 light visible from a distance of 500 feet to the rear may be  
12 used in addition to or instead of the red reflector.

13 (f) A low-speed electric scooter shall not be equipped  
14 with nor shall any person use upon a low-speed electric  
15 scooter any siren. This subsection does not apply to a  
16 low-speed electric scooter that is a police vehicle or fire  
17 department vehicle.

18 (g) Every low-speed electric scooter shall be equipped  
19 with a brake that will adequately control movement of and stop  
20 and hold the low-speed electric scooter.

21 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
22 becoming law.