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## Interstate Freeway Restrictions for Permitted Operators

In Minnesota, we've seen a large growth in expressways; which are generally multi-lane roadways with posted speeds of 65mph here, and while they often contain a number of intersection treatments, such as J-turns, they do not have the restricted access features of an interstate highway. Our interstate speed limit is 70mph outside of metro areas, and there has been legislation introduced here to repeal the interstate freeway restriction for motorcycle permit operators under the logic that the interstate system poses less hazard than expressways. Expressways are not restricted for motorcycle permit operators here. The interstate highway restriction was enacted in 1975.

Does your state restrict motorcycle permit operators from interstate freeways or allow motorcycle permit operators to use the interstate system?

### VERMONT

Vermont does not restrict where individuals holding a motorcycle permit may operate a motorcycle. The only restrictions on a motorcycle permit here are operators are not permitted to carry passengers, operation of a motorcycle during daylight hours only and they may not travel out of state.

~Paul Graves

### NORTH CAROLINA

In North Carolina, the only restriction on a permit holder, in contrast to an endorsement, is that a permit holder cannot carry a passenger. There is no other restriction.

~Robert Wagner

### ILLINOIS

In Illinois the following restrictions are for permitted motorcycle riders. There are no exclusions for interstate or freeway riding.

Instruction Permits

Motor-Driven Cycle - Persons ages 16 and 17 who have successfully completed driver education and passed the motorcycle written test may apply for a 24-month instruction permit to operate a motor-driven cycle (under 150cc). The permit allows driving only during daylight hours, under the direct supervision of a licensed motor-driven cycle operator age 21 or older with at least one year driving experience.

Motorcycle - Persons age 18 or older may apply for a 12-month instruction permit to operate a motorcycle other than a motor-driven cycle. The permit allows driving only during daylight hours, under the direct supervision of a licensed motorcycle operator age 21 or older with at least one year driving experience. A 24-month instruction permit for a Class M license may be issued to an applicant under age 18 only after successful completion of an approved driver education course and successful completion of an IDOT Motorcycle Rider Education Course.

~Christopher Rector

#### **TENNESSEE**

Tennessee has no restrictions on the license

~John Milliken

#### **NEW HAMPSHIRE**

New Hampshire does not restrict where individuals holding a motorcycle permit may operate a motorcycle.

The only restrictions on a motorcycle permit here are operators are not permitted to carry passengers, operation of a motorcycle during daylight hours only.

~Larry Crowe

#### **MARYLAND**

Maryland has no restriction for Class M Learner's Permit holders operating on limited access highways. The only restrictions are: they have a supervising rider that is over the age of 21 and has been licensed to operate a motorcycle for at least 3 years; and that their motorcycle has an engine displace of at least 70 cc's.

~Phil Sause

#### **WASHINGTON**

Washington allows a permit holder to ride upon any public highway. The only restrictions are the operator may not carry passengers or ride during hours of darkness.

~Bryan Jackson

#### **NEVADA**

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while having the permit in his or her

immediate possession, may drive a motorcycle only during the hours between sunrise and sunset, and may not:

- (a) Carry any passengers; or
- (b) Operate the motorcycle on a controlled-access highway.

**~Peter Vander Aa**