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## Pedestrian Vehicles

This is not a motorcycle question but I need some help and did not know where else to turn. In Utah we allow drivers who cannot obtain a license to drive a car for various reasons, mainly vision or other handicap's. A legislator would like to see how other states handle these type of rules. I am attaching our Pedestrian Vehicle law so you can see what we do and if anything in our rule looks familiar to something your state does and send me this information. Thanks for your help

**\*41-6a-1011.\* \* Pedestrian vehicles.\***

**(1) As used in this section:**

**(a) (i) "Pedestrian vehicle" means a self-propelled conveyance designed, manufactured, and intended for the exclusive use of a person with a physical disability.**

**(ii) A "pedestrian vehicle" may not:**

**(A) exceed 48 inches in width;**

**(B) have an engine or motor with more than 300 cubic centimeters displacement or with more than 12 brake horsepower; and**

**(C) be capable of developing a speed in excess of 30 miles per hour.**

**(b) "Physical disability" means any bodily impairment which precludes a person from walking or otherwise moving about as a pedestrian.**

**(2) (a) A pedestrian vehicle operated by a physically disabled person is exempt from vehicle registration, inspection, and operator license requirements.**

**(b) Authority to operate a pedestrian vehicle on public highways or sidewalks shall be granted according to rules promulgated by the commissioner of public safety.**

**(3) (a) A physically disabled person may operate a pedestrian vehicle with a motor of not more than .5 brake horsepower capable of developing a speed of not more than eight miles per hour:**

**(i) on the sidewalk; and**

**(ii) in all places where pedestrians are allowed.**

**(b) A permit, license, registration, authority, application, or restriction may not be required or imposed on a physically disabled person operating a pedestrian vehicle under this Subsection (3).**

**(c) The provisions of this Subsection (3) supersede the provision of Subsection (2)(b).**

**Renumbered and Amended by Chapter 2, 2005 General Session**

**- See more at:**

<http://statutes.laws.com/utah/title-41/chapter-06a/41-6a-1011#sthash.b5ICcZZV.dpuf>

## MARYLAND

Kurt,

In Maryland we call this type of vehicle an EPAMD, Electric Personal Assistive Mobility Device and is defined under Maryland Vehicle Law § 21-101.(j) and means a pedestrian device that:

- (1) Has two non-tandem wheels;
- (2) Is self-balancing;
- (3) Is powered by an electric propulsion system;
- (4) Has a maximum speed capacity of 15 miles per hour; and
- (5) Is designed to transport one person.

Under § 21-1205.1.(d) a person may not operate an EPAMD on any roadway where there are sidewalks adjacent to the roadway or the posted maximum speed limit is more than 30 miles per hour; and (e) cannot be operated at more than 15 miles per hour.

Hope this helps.

~Philip Sause

## OREGON

Hi Kurt.

Oregon is much like Maryland. We too have an EPAMD. See below for the statutes.

To me, the description you sent would allow a quad to be used on the street. The Specialty Vehicle Industry Association doesn't recommend street use of quads. You can find their statement here (under prohibitions on public land): <http://svia.org/Relations/Legislation.aspx>

~Michele O'Leary

## RHODE ISLAND

RI also has EPAMD law on the books under our definitions section the MVC

TITLE 31

Motor and Other vehicles

CHAPTER 31-1

Definitions and General Code Provisions

SECTION 31-1-3 (h)

(h) "Electric personal assistive mobility device" ("EPAMD") is a self-balancing two (2) non-tandem wheeled device, designed to transport only one person, with an electric propulsion system which limits the maximum speed of the device to fifteen (15) miles per hour.

~Despina Metakos Harris

## VIRGINIA

Kurt, here is VA definition;

Electric personal assistive mobility device" means a self-balancing two-nontandem-wheeled device that is designed to transport only one person and powered by an electric propulsion system that limits the device's maximum speed to 15 miles per hour or less. For purposes of Chapter 8 (§ 46.2-800<<http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?000+cod+46.2-800>> et seq.), an electric personal assistive mobility device shall be a vehicle when operated on a highway.

**~Bruce Biondo**