

**House File 2100 - Introduced**

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BY BACON

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to driver's licenses valid for the operation of  
2 motor scooters.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321.1, Code 2018, is amended by adding  
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 40A. *"Motor Scooter"* means every motor  
4 vehicle having a saddle or seat for the use of the rider,  
5 designed to travel on not more than three wheels in contact  
6 with the ground, equipped with an engine no greater than  
7 one hundred fifty cubic centimeters in size, and capable of  
8 operating at a speed in excess of thirty-nine miles per hour on  
9 level ground unassisted by human power.

10 Sec. 2. Section 321.145, subsection 2, paragraph a,  
11 subparagraph (2), Code 2018, is amended to read as follows:

12 (2) An amount equal to two dollars per year of license  
13 validity for each issued or renewed driver's license which is  
14 valid for the operation of a motorcycle, other than a class C  
15 driver's license valid for the operation of a motor scooter,  
16 shall be credited to the motorcycle rider education fund  
17 established under [section 321.179](#).

18 Sec. 3. Section 321.189, subsection 1, paragraph a,  
19 subparagraph (3), Code 2018, is amended to read as follows:

20 (3) Class C — Valid.

21 (a) Except as provided in subparagraph division (b),  
22 valid for the operation of a vehicle, other than a motorcycle,  
23 or a combination of vehicles with a gross combination weight  
24 rating of twenty-six thousand one or more pounds provided  
25 the towing vehicle has a gross vehicle weight rating of less  
26 than twenty-six thousand one pounds and each towed vehicle  
27 has a gross vehicle weight rating of less than ten thousand  
28 one pounds, or a combination of vehicles with a gross vehicle  
29 weight rating or gross combination weight rating of less than  
30 twenty-six thousand one pounds and also valid for the operation  
31 of any vehicle, other than a motorcycle, for which the operator  
32 is exempt from commercial driver's license requirements under  
33 section 321.176A.

34 (b) Valid for the operation of a motor scooter if the holder  
35 of the driver's license is twenty-two years of age or older.



1 The bill does not otherwise alter any requirements or  
2 limitations applicable to motorcycles, and therefore to motor  
3 scooters, under current law. These include but are not limited  
4 to the requirement that the registration plate issued for a  
5 motorcycle be attached to the rear of the motorcycle (Code  
6 section 321.37), the imposition of the \$20 annual registration  
7 fee for motorcycles (Code section 321.117), the prohibition  
8 against operating or riding a motorcycle on the highways  
9 with another person on the motorcycle unless the motorcycle  
10 is designed to carry more than one person (Code section  
11 321.275), and the requirement that motorcycles be equipped with  
12 at least one and not more than two headlamps (Code section  
13 321.386). Under the bill, a person is still required to obtain  
14 a motorcycle instruction permit or class M driver's license  
15 to operate a motorcycle if the operator is 21 years of age or  
16 younger, or to operate a motorcycle other than a motor scooter  
17 if the operator is 22 years of age or older (Code sections  
18 321.180, 321.180B, and 321.189).