

**189.284 Operation of alternative-speed motorcycle on highway.**

- (1) As used in this section, "alternative-speed motorcycle" shall have the same meaning as in KRS 186.010.
- (2) A person may operate an alternative-speed motorcycle on a highway if:
  - (a) The motorcycle bears a sticker, affixed by the manufacturer or dealer, on the left side of the rear window that indicates the vehicle's maximum speed rating;
  - (b) The motorcycle is equipped with:
    1. Headlights, front and rear turn signal lights, taillights, and brake lights;
    2. Three (3) red reflectors, two (2) of which must be placed on each side as far to the rear of the vehicle as practicable, and one (1) of which must be placed on the rear of the vehicle;
    3. An exterior mirror mounted on the driver's side of the vehicle and either an exterior mirror mounted on the passenger's side of the vehicle or an interior mirror;
    4. A parking brake;
    5. A windshield that conforms to the federal motor vehicle safety standard provided in 49 C.F.R. 571.205;
    6. A seatbelt assembly that conforms to the federal motor vehicle safety standard provided in 49 C.F.R. 571.209; and
    7. A roll bar, roll cage, or crushproof body design;
  - (c) The posted speed limit of the highway is thirty-five (35) miles per hour or less;
  - (d) The operator of the alternative-speed vehicle does not cross a roadway at an at-grade intersection where the roadway being crossed has a posted speed limit of more than thirty-five (35) miles per hour unless the intersection is equipped with an electronic traffic signal;
  - (e) The operator has a valid motorcycle operator's license in his or her possession; and
  - (f) The alternative-speed motorcycle has not been modified to increase its speed above its original standard manufactured limit.
- (3) An alternative-speed motorcycle operating on a highway shall be insured in compliance with KRS 304.39-080 by the owner or operator, and the proof of insurance shall be inside the vehicle at all times of operation on a highway.
- (4) An alternative-speed motorcycle operating on a highway is considered to be a motorcycle as defined in KRS 186.010 and shall be titled in accordance with KRS Chapter 186A and registered as a motorcycle in accordance with KRS 186.050(2).
- (5) An operator of an alternative-speed motorcycle shall be exempt from the protective headgear requirements of KRS 189.285.
- (6) Except as provided in this section, an operator of an alternative-speed motorcycle operating on a highway shall comply with the traffic regulations of KRS Chapter 189 and shall be subject to the provisions of KRS Chapter 189A.

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