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As used in this Title, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings. [PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF).]

1. **Adjudication.** "Adjudication" means a finding by a court that a person has committed a traffic infraction and includes the acceptance by the clerk of the violations bureau or any judicial division of an answer of not contested. [PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF).]

1-A. **Access aisle.** "Access aisle" means a designated space for maneuvering a wheelchair or other mobility device when entering or exiting a vehicle, and that is immediately adjacent to a properly designated parking space for a person with a disability. An access aisle must be marked so as to discourage parking in it. [PL 2005, c. 433, §3 (NEW); PL 2005, c. 433, §28 (AFF).]

2. **Altered vehicle.** "Altered vehicle" means a motor vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating of 10,000 pounds or less that is modified so that the distance from the ground to the lowermost point on any part of the frame or body is different from the manufacturer's specifications, unless that difference is caused by:

   A. The use of tires that are no more than 2 sizes larger than the manufacturer's recommended sizes; [PL 2005, c. 276, §1 (AMD).]

   B. The installation of a heavy duty suspension, including shock absorbers and overload springs; or [PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF).]

   C. Normal wear of the suspension system that does not affect control of the vehicle. [PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF).]

3. **Antique auto.** "Antique auto" means an automobile or truck manufactured in or after model year 1916 that is:


   B. Equipped with an engine manufactured either at the same time as the vehicle or to the specifications of the original engine; [PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF).]

   C. Substantially maintained in original or restored condition primarily for use in exhibitions, club activities, parades or other functions of public interest; [PL 1997, c. 653, §2 (AMD).]

   D. Not used as its owner's primary mode of transportation of passengers or goods; [PL 2005, c. 314, §1 (AMD).]

   E. Not a reconstructed vehicle; and [PL 2005, c. 314, §2 (AMD).]

   F. Not an altered vehicle. [PL 2005, c. 314, §3 (NEW).]

   [PL 2005, c. 314, §§1-3 (AMD).]

4. **Antique motorcycle.** "Antique motorcycle" means a motorcycle or a motor-driven cycle that is:


   B. Equipped with an engine manufactured either at the same time as the vehicle or to the specifications of the original engine; [PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF).]
C. Maintained primarily for use in exhibitions, club activities, parades or other functions of public interest; and [PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF).]


5. **Articulated bus.** "Articulated bus" means a bus consisting of 2 passenger-carrying sections in which the rear body section is flexibly but permanently connected to the front section in a manner that allows the vehicle to bend without having an interior barrier to movement between sections of the vehicle. [PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF).]

6. **Authorized emergency vehicle.** "Authorized emergency vehicle" has the same meaning as defined in section 2054. [PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF).]

6-A. **Autocycle.** [PL 2009, c. 55, §1 (NEW); MRSA T. 29-A §101, sub-§6-A (RP).]

6-B. **Autocycle.** [PL 2011, c. 556, §1 (NEW); MRSA T. 29-A §101, sub-§6-B (RP).]

6-C. **Autocycle.** "Autocycle" means a 3-wheeled motorcycle that has a steering wheel or handlebars, floor pedals for automotive-style controls and seating that does not require the operator to straddle or sit astride a seat and that:

A. Meets the general motorcycle inspection standards, except those standards that do not apply due to the design of the vehicle, and any other inspection standards set by the Chief of the State Police; [PL 2019, c. 345, §1 (NEW).]

B. Meets or exceeds the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards under 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 571 applicable to motorcycles; and [PL 2019, c. 345, §1 (NEW).]

C. Is equipped with:

1. Safety belts for all occupants;
2. A roll bar, roll hoops or an enclosed cab; and
3. Brakes on at least 2 main wheels. [PL 2019, c. 345, §1 (NEW).]

7. **Automobile.** "Automobile" means a motor vehicle designed for the conveyance of passengers that has a seating capacity of not more than 15 persons, including the operator. [PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF).]

7-A. **Auxiliary power unit.** "Auxiliary power unit" means an integrated system that:

A. Provides heat, air conditioning, engine warming or electricity components on a heavy duty vehicle; and [PL 2009, c. 3, §1 (NEW).]

B. Is certified by the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency under 40 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 89 as meeting emissions standards. [PL 2009, c. 3, §1 (NEW).]

8. **Axle.** "Axle" means an assembly of a vehicle consisting of 2 or more wheels whose centers are in one horizontal plane and by which a portion of the weight of a vehicle load may be transmitted to the roadway.
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8-A. Axle weight. "Axle weight" means the weight of an axle plus the weight of the load carried by the axle.
[PL 2003, c. 166, §2 (NEW).]

9. Bicycle. "Bicycle" means a device primarily propelled by human power, operated by a person usually seated on a seat and driven on the ground on wheels by the operator.
[PL 2001, c. 148, §1 (AMD).]


11. Bus. "Bus" means a motor vehicle designed for carrying more than 15 persons, including the operator.
[PL 2013, c. 496, §1 (AMD).]

12. Business or residential district. "Business or residential district" means the part of a municipality, contiguous to a way, that is built up with structures that are situated less than 150 feet apart for a distance of at least 1/4 of a mile.

13. Camp trailer. "Camp trailer" means a trailer or semitrailer primarily designed and constructed to provide temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, travel or other use. "Camp trailer" includes a manufactured or homemade tent trailer, so called, that consists of a platform, shelf or box with means of permanently or temporarily attaching a tent. "Camp trailer" does not include a mobile home.

14. Certified reserve officer. "Certified reserve officer" means an officer who has attended the 100-hour reserve training program sponsored by the Maine Criminal Justice Academy and has received the academy's certification as a reserve officer.

15. Classic vehicle. "Classic vehicle" means a motor vehicle that is at least 16 years old but less than 26 years old that the Secretary of State determines is of significance to vehicle collectors because of its make, model and condition and is valued at more than $5,000.
[PL 2001, c. 361, §1 (AMD).]

15-A. Combination vehicle. "Combination vehicle" means a motor vehicle consisting of a truck or truck tractor in combination with one or more trailers or semitrailers.
[PL 2015, c. 473, §2 (AMD).]

16. Commercial driver's license. "Commercial driver's license" means a license issued to an individual by this State or another jurisdiction of domicile that authorizes the individual to operate a class of commercial motor vehicle.
[PL 2013, c. 381, Pt. B, §4 (AMD).]

16-A. Commercial learner's permit. "Commercial learner's permit" means a permit issued to an individual by this State or another jurisdiction of domicile that, when carried with a valid driver's license issued by the same state or jurisdiction, authorizes the individual to operate a class of a commercial motor vehicle when accompanied by a holder of a valid commercial driver's license for purposes of behind-the-wheel training. When issued to a commercial driver's license holder, a commercial learner's permit serves as authorization for accompanied behind-the-wheel training in a commercial motor vehicle for which the holder's current commercial driver's license is not valid.
[PL 2013, c. 381, Pt. B, §5 (NEW).]
17. **Commercial motor vehicle.** "Commercial motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle or combination of motor vehicles used in commerce to transport passengers or property if the motor vehicle:

A. Has a gross combination weight rating of 26,001 or more pounds inclusive of a towed unit or units with a gross weight rating of more than 10,000 pounds; [PL 2013, c. 381, Pt. B, §6 (AMD).]

B. Is a bus; [PL 2013, c. 381, Pt. B, §6 (AMD).]

C. Is of any size and is used in the transportation of any materials that have been designated as hazardous under 49 United States Code, Section 5103 and require placarding under the federal Hazardous Materials Transportation Act and related regulations in 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 172, Subpart F or any quantity of a material listed as a select agent or toxin in 42 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 73; or [PL 2013, c. 381, Pt. B, §6 (AMD).]

D. Has a gross vehicle weight rating or gross vehicle weight of 26,001 or more pounds. [PL 2013, c. 381, Pt. B, §6 (NEW).]

[PL 2013, c. 381, Pt. B, §6 (AMD).]

18. **Crosswalk.** "Crosswalk" means the portion of a way:

A. At an intersection that is included within extensions of the lateral lines of the sidewalks on opposite sides of the way beginning at the curbs or, in the absence of curbs, from the edge of traversable ways; or [PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF).]

B. At an intersection or elsewhere that is distinctly indicated for pedestrian crossing by lines or other markings on the way surface. [PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF).]


19. **Curb.** "Curb" means the edge of a sidewalk nearest to a way or either edge of the wrought or usually traveled part of a way.


19-A. **Custom vehicle.** "Custom vehicle" means a motor vehicle manufactured after model year 1948 that:

A. Is at least 25 years old or was manufactured to resemble a motor vehicle that is at least 25 years old; and [PL 2011, c. 139, §1 (NEW).]

B. Has been altered or modified from the manufacturer's original design or has a body constructed from nonoriginal material. [PL 2011, c. 139, §1 (NEW).]

[PL 2011, c. 139, §1 (RPR).]

20. **Daytime.** "Daytime" means any time from 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset.


21. **Department.** "Department" means the Department of Transportation.


21-A. **Drive-away saddlemount vehicle transporter combination.** "Drive-away saddlemount vehicle transporter combination" means a vehicle combination designed and specifically used to tow up to 3 trucks or truck tractors, each connected by a saddle to the frame or 5th wheel of the vehicle in front of it. The saddle is a mechanism that connects the front axle of the towed vehicle to the frame or 5th wheel of the vehicle in front of it. The drive-away saddlemount vehicle transporter combination may include one fullmount, which consists of a smaller vehicle mounted completely on the frame of either the first or the last vehicle in the drive-away saddlemount vehicle transporter combination. [PL 2007, c. 306, §5 (NEW).]

22. **Driver.** "Driver" has the same meaning as "operator" as defined in subsection 48.
22-A. **Electric personal assistive mobility device.** "Electric personal assistive mobility device" means a self-balancing, 2-nontandem-wheeled device, designed to transport only one person, with an electric propulsion system that limits the maximum speed of the device to 15 miles per hour or less. [PL 2001, c. 687, §3 (NEW).]

22-B. **Electric bicycle.** "Electric bicycle" means a 2-wheel or 3-wheel bicycle with fully operable pedals and an electric motor of less than 750 watts that is a Class 1 electric bicycle, a Class 2 electric bicycle or a Class 3 electric bicycle as defined in this subsection.

A. "Class 1 electric bicycle" means an electric bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches a speed of 20 miles per hour. [PL 2019, c. 349, §1 (NEW).]

B. "Class 2 electric bicycle" means an electric bicycle equipped with a motor that is capable of being used exclusively to propel the bicycle but is not capable of propelling the bicycle at a speed of 20 miles per hour. [PL 2019, c. 349, §1 (NEW).]

C. "Class 3 electric bicycle" means an electric bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches a speed of 28 miles per hour. [PL 2019, c. 349, §1 (NEW).]

23. **Farming.** "Farming" means engaging in farming in all its branches and the cultivation and tillage of the soil as a livelihood and includes dairying; raising livestock, freshwater fish, fur-bearing animals or poultry; producing, cultivating, growing and harvesting fruit, produce or floricultural or horticultural commodities; or any practices on a farm that are incident to or in conjunction with these farming operations. For the purposes of this Title, "farming" does not include forestry, the growing of timber or the operation of a farm for recreational activity. [PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF).]

23-A. **Final-stage manufacturer.** "Final-stage manufacturer" means a manufacturer who performs manufacturing operations on an incomplete vehicle such that the vehicle becomes complete. [PL 2003, c. 166, §3 (NEW).]

24. **Fish truck.** "Fish truck" means a 2-axle or 3-axle motor truck used primarily to harvest and transport fish or marine animals, including use in aquaculture. [PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF).]

25. **For-hire transportation.** "For-hire transportation" means the transportation for compensation of passengers, freight or merchandise not owned by the carrier. [PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF).]

25-A. **Golf cart.** "Golf cart" means a motor vehicle that is originally designed and manufactured for operation on a golf course for sporting or recreational purposes and that is not capable of exceeding speeds of 20 miles per hour. "Golf cart" does not include an ATV as defined in Title 12, section 13001. [PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. B, §40 (AMD); PL 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF).]

26. **Gross weight.** "Gross weight" means the weight in pounds of an empty vehicle or axle plus the weight of the maximum load to be carried by the vehicle or axle. [PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF).]

26-A. **Gross vehicle weight.** "Gross vehicle weight" or "GVW" means the actual total weight of the vehicle and load. [PL 2003, c. 166, §4 (NEW).]
26-B. Gross vehicle weight rating. "Gross vehicle weight rating" or "GVWR" means the weight of the vehicle and load as determined by the final-stage manufacturer, as the rating appears on the vehicle.

[PL 2003, c. 166, §4 (NEW).]

26-C. Handheld electronic device. "Handheld electronic device" means any handheld electronic device or portable electronic device that is not part of the operating equipment of the motor vehicle, including but not limited to an electronic game, a device for sending or receiving electronic mail, a text messaging device or a computer. "Handheld electronic device" does not include a:

A. Device for communication over a citizens band radio service as defined in 47 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 95.303, the multi-use radio service as defined in 47 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 95.2703 or a land mobile radio service as defined in 47 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 90.7; or [PL 2019, c. 486, §3 (NEW).]

B. Personal medical device necessary to monitor or regulate a person's medical condition, including but not limited to an insulin pump or heart monitor. [PL 2019, c. 486, §3 (NEW).]

[PL 2019, c. 486, §3 (NEW).]

27. Hazardous material. "Hazardous material" means any material that has been designated as hazardous under 49 United States Code, Sections 5101 to 5127 (2003) and is required to be placarded under 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 172, Subpart F or any quantity of material listed as a select agent or toxin in 42 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 73.

[PL 2003, c. 434, §3 (AMD); PL 2003, c. 434, §37 (AFF).]

27-A. Heavy duty vehicle. "Heavy duty vehicle" means a vehicle powered by a diesel engine that has a gross vehicle weight rating greater than 8,500 pounds.

[PL 2009, c. 3, §2 (NEW).]

27-B. Heavy duty recovery vehicle. "Heavy duty recovery vehicle" means a wrecker that:

A. Is designed for the specific purpose of recovering vehicles that have a gross, combined or actual weight of more than 80,000 pounds; [PL 2019, c. 335, §1 (NEW).]

B. Has either 4 or 5 axles; [PL 2019, c. 335, §1 (NEW).]

C. Has a manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating of 70,000 pounds or more; [PL 2019, c. 335, §1 (NEW).]

D. Is equipped with a recovery boom that is rated for 70,000 pounds or more; [PL 2019, c. 335, §1 (NEW).]

E. Is equipped with an air brake system capable of providing compressed air to the braking or suspension system of a vehicle being towed by the heavy duty recovery vehicle; and [PL 2019, c. 335, §1 (NEW).]

F. Is capable of towing a combination vehicle with a gross weight of more than 99,000 pounds.

[PL 2019, c. 335, §1 (NEW).]

28. Horseless carriage. "Horseless carriage" means an automobile manufactured before model year 1916 that is:

A. Equipped with an engine manufactured either at the same time as the vehicle or to the specifications of the original engine of the vehicle; [PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF).]

B. Maintained primarily for use in exhibitions, club activities, parades and other functions of public interest; and [PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF).]
C. Not used as its owner's primary mode of transportation of passengers or goods. [PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF).]

28-A. Immediate family member. "Immediate family member" means a grandparent, stepgrandparent, parent, stepparent, brother, stepbrother, sister, stepsister, child, stepchild, spouse or such analogous family members as may be connected via the operation of a family foster home as defined in Title 22, section 8101, subsection 3. [PL 2013, c. 381, Pt. B, §7 (AMD).]

28-B. Improved school property. "Improved school property" means the developed portion of school property including driveways, parking lots, playgrounds, athletic fields or school buildings. [PL 2001, c. 145, §1 (NEW).]

29. Intersection. "Intersection" means:

A. For ways joining each other at approximately right angles, the area within the extension of the outside boundary of the way or curb lines; [PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF).]

B. For other joining ways, the area at the junction within which vehicles may come in contact; or [PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF).]

C. Where the opposite lanes of a divided highway are separated by 30 feet or more, every crossing of each lane by an intersecting highway. [PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF).]

29-A. Interstate highway, interstate system or interstate highway system. "Interstate highway," "interstate system" or "interstate highway system" has the same meaning as defined in Title 23, section 1903, subsection 3, except that it does not include that portion of the Maine Turnpike designated Interstate 95 and that portion of Interstate 95 from the southern terminus of the Maine Turnpike to the New Hampshire state line. [PL 2009, c. 315, §4 (AMD).]

30. Law enforcement officer. "Law enforcement officer" means a person who by virtue of public employment is vested by law with a duty to maintain public order or to make arrests for crimes, whether that duty extends to all crimes or is limited to specific crimes. "Law enforcement officer" also means an officer or special investigator of the Bureau of Revenue Services, but only when the officer or special investigator is engaged in enforcement of tax laws under this Title or Title 36. [PL 1995, c. 584, Pt. B, §1 (AMD); PL 1997, c. 526, §14 (AMD).]

31. License. "License" means an operator's license or driver's license or other license, permit or privilege to operate a motor vehicle. "License" includes, but is not limited to, a nonresident operating privilege and the privilege of a person to apply for or obtain a license or permit to operate a motor vehicle. [PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF).]

32. Limousine. "Limousine" means a vehicle for hire, with a driver, that is used for the transportation of passengers and that has a seating capacity of at least 5 and no more than 14 persons behind the driver. [PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF).]

32-A. Low-speed vehicle. "Low-speed vehicle" means a 4-wheeled motor vehicle that is able to attain a speed of at least 20 miles per hour but not more than 25 miles per hour and is less than 3,000 pounds in unloaded weight. "Low-speed vehicle" does not include an ATV as defined in Title 12,
section 13001. A low-speed vehicle must be originally manufactured and maintained in accordance with the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards as a low-speed vehicle pursuant to 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 571.500, as amended. [PL 2009, c. 42, §1 (AMD).]

32-B. Manufactured housing. "Manufactured housing" means a structural unit or units designed to be used as a dwelling or dwellings and constructed in a manufacturing facility and then transported by the use of its own chassis or placement on an independent chassis to a building site. "Manufactured housing" includes any type of building that is constructed at a manufacturing facility and then transported to a building site where it is used for housing and that may be purchased, sold, offered for sale or brokered by a licensee in the interim. Three types of manufactured housing are included. They are:

A. Units constructed after June 15, 1976 that the manufacturer certifies are constructed in compliance with the code adopted by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and that are structures, transportable in one or more sections that, in the traveling mode, are 8 body feet or more in width and 40 body feet or more in length or, when erected on site, are 320 or more square feet and are built on a permanent chassis and designed to be used as dwellings, with or without permanent foundations, when connected to the required utilities, including the plumbing, heating, air-conditioning and electrical systems within the units; except that "manufactured housing" includes any structure that meets all the requirements of this paragraph except the size requirements and with respect to which the manufacturer voluntarily files a certification required by the Secretary of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and complies with the standards established under the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974, 42 United States Code, Section 5401 et seq.; [PL 2005, c. 678, §4 (NEW); PL 2005, c. 678, §13 (AFF).]

B. State-certified modular homes, which are those units that the manufacturer certifies are constructed in compliance with the State's laws and rules governing manufactured housing, meaning structures, transportable in one or more sections, that are not constructed on a permanent chassis and are designed to be used as dwellings on foundations when connected to required utilities, including the plumbing, heating, air-conditioning or electrical systems within the units; and [PL 2005, c. 678, §4 (NEW); PL 2005, c. 678, §13 (AFF).]

C. Units constructed prior to June 15, 1976 that are structures, transportable in one or more sections, that are 8 body feet or more in width and are 32 body feet or more in length and are built on a permanent chassis and designed to be used as dwellings, with or without permanent foundations, when connected to the required utilities, including the plumbing, heating, air-conditioning or electrical systems within the units. [PL 2005, c. 678, §4 (NEW); PL 2005, c. 678, §13 (AFF).]


35. Mobile home. "Mobile home" has the same meaning as "manufactured housing" as defined in subsection 32-B, paragraphs A and C.

A. [PL 2005, c. 678, §5 (RP); PL 2005, c. 678, §13 (AFF).]
B. [PL 2005, c. 678, §5 (RP); PL 2005, c. 678, §13 (AFF).]
C. [PL 2005, c. 678, §5 (RP); PL 2005, c. 678, §13 (AFF).]
D. [PL 2005, c. 678, §5 (RP); PL 2005, c. 678, §13 (AFF).]
[PL 2005, c. 678, §5 (AMD); PL 2005, c. 678, §13 (AFF).]

35-A. Modified show vehicle. "Modified show vehicle" means a factory-produced 2-wheel-drive motor vehicle manufactured after 1949 that is equipped with modified components and that qualifies as a modified show vehicle under rules adopted by the Chief of the State Police.
[PL 2001, c. 225, §1 (NEW).]

35-B. Mobile telephone. "Mobile telephone" means a device used to access a wireless telephone service.
[PL 2019, c. 486, §3 (NEW).]

36. Moped. "Moped" means a motorized device designed to travel with only 2 or 3 10-inch or larger diameter wheels in contact with the ground and that:
A. May have fully operative pedals for propulsion by human power; [PL 2005, c. 577, §1 (RPR).]
B. Has an electric or a liquid fuel motor with a cylinder capacity displacement not exceeding 50 cubic centimeters or an electric motor with a capacity under 1,500 watts; and [PL 2005, c. 577, §1 (RPR).]
C. Is equipped with a power drive system that functions only directly or automatically and does not require clutching or shifting by the operator after the drive system is engaged. [PL 2005, c. 577, §1 (RPR).]

"Moped" does not include an electric personal assistive mobility device or an electric bicycle.
[PL 2019, c. 349, §2 (AMD).]

37. Motor carrier. "Motor carrier" means a contract carrier, a common carrier or a private carrier of property or passengers by motor vehicle.

38. Motorcycle. "Motorcycle" means a motor vehicle that has a seat or a saddle for the use of the rider and is designed to travel with only 2 or 3 10-inch or larger diameter wheels in ground contact and has a motor with a cylinder capacity of more than 50 cubic centimeters or an electric motor with a capacity of not less than 1,500 watts.
[PL 2005, c. 577, §2 (RPR).]

[PL 2005, c. 577, §3 (RP).]

40. Motor home. "Motor home" means a motor vehicle that:
A. Is originally designed, reconstructed or permanently altered to provide facilities for human habitation; or [PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF).]
B. Has a camper permanently attached to it. [PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF).]

"Motor home" does not include a mobile home.

41. Motorized bicycle or tricycle. "Motorized bicycle or tricycle" means a bicycle or tricycle that:
A. May have pedals to permit human propulsion; and [PL 1999, c. 170, §1 (AMD).]
B. Has a motor attached to a wheel that is rated at no more than 1.5 brake horsepower and has a cylinder capacity capable of propelling the vehicle unassisted at a speed of 25 miles per hour or less on a level road surface. [PL 1999, c. 170, §1 (AMD).]
C. [PL 1999, c. 170, §1 (RP).]
"Motorized bicycle or tricycle" does not include an electric personal assistive mobility device or an electric bicycle.
[PL 2019, c. 349, §3 (AMD).]

41-A. Motorized wheelchair. "Motorized wheelchair" means a battery-powered device used exclusively for the transportation of an individual with a physical disability. "Motorized wheelchair" does not include an electric personal assistive mobility device.
[PL 2001, c. 687, §7 (AMD).]

41-B. Motorized scooter. "Motorized scooter" means a scooter that has 2 or 3 wheels less than 10 inches in diameter in ground contact or is powered by a motor having a maximum piston displacement of less than 25 cubic centimeters or an electric motor with a capacity not exceeding 750 watts. "Motorized scooter" does not include an electric personal assistive mobility device or an electric bicycle.
[PL 2019, c. 349, §4 (AMD).]

42. Motor vehicle. "Motor vehicle" means a self-propelled vehicle not operated exclusively on railroad tracks, but does not include:
A. A snowmobile as defined in Title 12, section 13001; [PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. B, §42 (AMD); PL 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF).]
B. An all-terrain vehicle as defined in Title 12, section 13001, unless the all-terrain vehicle is permitted in accordance with section 501, subsection 8 or is operated on a way and section 2080 applies; and [PL 2005, c. 577, §5 (AMD).]
C. A motorized wheelchair, an electric personal assistive mobility device or an electric bicycle.
[PL 2019, c. 349, §5 (AMD).]

43. Motor vehicle violation. "Motor vehicle violation" means a violation of this Title.

44. Moving violation. "Moving violation" means a violation of this Title for which points may be assessed in accordance with section 2458, subsection 3.

45. Muffler. "Muffler" means a device consisting of a series of chambers or baffle plates or another mechanical design for receiving exhaust gas from an internal combustion engine and reducing noise.

46. Nighttime. "Nighttime" means a time other than daytime.

47. Nonresident. "Nonresident" means a person whose legal residence is not in the State.

47-A. Off-road vehicle. "Off-road vehicle" means a motor vehicle that, because of the vehicle's design and configuration, does not meet the inspection standards of chapter 15 and that is not a moped or motorcycle.
[PL 2005, c. 577, §6 (NEW).]

48. Operator. "Operator" means an individual who drives or is in control of a vehicle or who is exercising control over or steering a towed vehicle.
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49. **Original registration.** "Original registration" means a registration other than a renewal of registration by the same owner.

50. **Owner.** "Owner" means a person holding title to a vehicle or having exclusive right to the use of the vehicle for a period of 30 days or more.

51. **Parking area.** "Parking area" means an area designed for use as access or parking for patrons and customers of establishments to which the public is invited.

52. **Parking control vehicle.** "Parking control vehicle" means a 3-wheel vehicle of 25 horsepower or less that has a metal roof and is operated by a law enforcement officer or a parking control officer to control parking and traffic.

53. **Pedestrian.** "Pedestrian" means a person on foot or an operator of a wheelchair or a 4-wheeled or 3-wheeled motorized wheelchair.

54. **Person.** "Person" means an individual, corporation, firm, partnership, joint venture, association, fiduciary, trust, estate or any other legal or commercial entity.

55. **Pickup truck.** "Pickup truck" means a truck with a registered gross vehicle weight of 10,000 pounds or less.
[PL 2015, c. 206, §1 (AMD).]

56. **Pilot vehicle.** "Pilot vehicle" means a motor vehicle equipped and operated as required by rules adopted by the Secretary of State that accompanies a vehicle or combination of vehicles that have a length, width, height or weight greater than that specified in this Title.

57. **Pneumatic tire.** "Pneumatic tire" means a tire in which confined air supports the load.

58. **Private way.** "Private way" means a way privately owned and maintained over which the owner may restrict use or passage and includes a discontinued way even if a public recreation easement has been reserved.

59. **Public way.** "Public way" means a way, owned and maintained by the State, a county or a municipality, over which the general public has a right to pass.

59-A. **Reconstructed motorcycle.** "Reconstructed motorcycle" means a salvaged or dismantled motorcycle that is repaired or assembled without original manufacturer component parts, excluding fenders.
[PL 1997, c. 776, §2 (NEW).]

60. **Reconstructed vehicle.** "Reconstructed vehicle" means a vehicle that has been reconstructed to change the original steering, braking system, suspension system or body design, including, but not limited to, a dune buggy, a street rod, a passenger car converted to a pickup truck or a manufactured vehicle body mounted on another manufactured chassis. Repair to a vehicle that replaces parts with similar parts is not reconstruction.
60-A. Registered weight. "Registered weight" means the gross vehicle weight specified on the vehicle's registration certificate.
[PL 2003, c. 166, §6 (NEW).]

61. Registration. "Registration" means the registration certificate, plates and renewal devices pertaining to the registration of a vehicle, including temporary registered gross weight increases.

61-A. Registration agent. "Registration agent" means a nongovernmental entity authorized by the Secretary of State to conduct registration transactions on the bureau's behalf.

62. Resident. "Resident" means a person who has declared or established residency in this State or has been domiciled in this State for a period of at least 30 days, except for persons in compliance with section 109, subsection 1.

Except for a person in compliance with section 109, subsection 1, a person is deemed to be a resident:

A. For all vehicles owned by that person that are garaged or maintained in this State; or [PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF).]

B. If engaged in the business of renting you-drive or you-haul vehicles for an apportioned share of all vehicles based on the ratio of the mileage of vehicles operated in this State to the total mileage of vehicles operated both within and without the State. [PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF).]
[PL 1995, c. 454, §1 (AMD).]

63. Revocation of driver's license. "Revocation of driver's license" means the termination of a license or privilege to operate by formal action of the bureau or a court. A revoked license may not be restored or renewed but may only be regained by a new application.

63-A. Roller ski. "Roller ski" means an object affixed to a foot, separately from the other foot, primarily propelled by human power and driven by the operator on the ground via wheels.
[PL 2009, c. 484, §1 (NEW).]

63-B. Roll hoop. "Roll hoop" means a roll bar behind the headrest of a seat in a motor vehicle.
[PL 2019, c. 345, §2 (NEW).]

64. Saddlemount vehicle transporter combination.
[PL 2007, c. 306, §6 (RP).]

64-A. School. "School" has the same meaning as in Title 20-A, section 6353, subsection 7.
[PL 2001, c. 667, Pt. A, §45 (RPR); PL 2001, c. 687, §10 (RPR).]

64-B. School zone. "School zone" means the portion of the public highway abutting improved school property or 300 feet on either side of a school entrance, whichever is greater, or as designated under section 2075, subsection 3, paragraph F.
[PL 2003, c. 92, §1 (AMD).]

64-C. Scooter. "Scooter" means a device upon which a person may ride, consisting of a footboard between 2 end wheels, controlled by an upright steering handle attached to the front wheel and propelled by human power.
[PL 2005, c. 577, §7 (AMD).]

65. Sell. "Sell" means to sell, offer, negotiate or advertise to sell, display for sale, exchange or otherwise transfer for value.

66. Semitrailer. "Semitrailer" means a vehicle:

B. Designed for being drawn by a motor vehicle; and  [PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF).]

C. Designed so that some part of its weight and its load rests upon or is carried by that motor vehicle.  [PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF).]

"Semitrailer" includes, but is not limited to, so-called pole dollies and pole d ICCYs and wheels commonly used as a support for the ends of logs or other long articles. "Semitrailer" excludes tow dollies.


66-A. **Single-axle unit.** "Single-axle unit" means one axle, or 2 axles less than 4 feet apart as measured from axle center to axle center.

[PL 2003, c. 166, §7 (NEW).]

67. **Solid tires.** "Solid tires" means tires of solid rubber or other material that do not depend on confined air for the support of the load.


68. **Solid waste.** "Solid waste" means useless, unwanted or discarded solid material with insufficient liquid content to be free-flowing, including, but not limited to, rubbish, garbage, refuse-derived fuel, scrap materials, junk, refuse, inert fill material and landscape refuse, but not including hazardous waste, biomedical waste, septic tank sludge or agricultural wastes. The fact that a solid waste or constituent of the waste may have value or other use or may be sold or exchanged does not exclude it from this definition.


69. **Special equipment.** "Special equipment" means equipment that is drawn by a motor vehicle and that is not designed or used to convey property other than hand tools or parts used in connection with the operation of that equipment, including, but not limited to, air compressors, conveyors, cement mixers, wood splitting or sawing machines, sprayers, compactors, pumps, drills and brush chippers.


70. **Special mobile equipment.** "Special mobile equipment" means a motor vehicle with permanently mounted equipment not designed or used primarily for the transportation of persons or property. "Special mobile equipment" includes, but is not limited to, road construction or maintenance machinery, ditch-digging apparatus, stone crushers, air compressors, power shovels, cranes, graders, rollers, trucks used only to plow snow and for other duties pertaining to winter maintenance, including sanding and salting, well drillers and wood-sawing equipment or similar types of equipment.

Special mobile equipment is divided into Class A and Class B special mobile equipment. Well drillers must be registered as Class A special mobile equipment. All other special mobile equipment may be registered either as Class A or Class B special mobile equipment.

[PL 2013, c. 84, §1 (AMD).]

70-A. **Sport utility vehicle.** "Sport utility vehicle" means a motor vehicle constructed on a light truck chassis but designed primarily for the transportation of persons or any motor vehicle designated by the United States Department of Transportation as a sport utility vehicle.

[PL 2007, c. 383, §2 (NEW).]

71. **Stinger-steered autotransporter.** "Stinger-steered autotransporter" means a combination vehicle consisting of a tractor and semitrailer designed and used specifically for the transport of motor vehicles that has the 5th wheel located on a drop frame located behind and below the rearmost axle of the power unit.
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72. **Stock race car.** "Stock race car" means a factory-produced motor vehicle that is equipped with roll bars or bracing welded or attached to the frame in a permanent manner, special safety belts and firewalls and that has part of the body removed.

73. **Stop.** "Stop," when required, means complete cessation of movement.

74. **Stop or stopping.** "Stop" or "stopping," when prohibited, means halting, even momentarily, of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a police officer or traffic control device.

75. **Street or highway.** "Street" or "highway" means a public way.

76. **Street rod.** "Street rod" means a replica of or a modified antique auto manufactured prior to 1949 that complies with standards adopted by the Chief of the State Police.

77. **Suspension of driver's license.** "Suspension of driver's license" means the temporary withdrawal of a license or privilege to operate a motor vehicle by formal action of the bureau or a court.

78. **Sunrise and sunset.** "Sunrise" and "sunset" are the times given in the Maine Farmers' Almanac for sunrise and sunset respectively on that particular day.

78-A. **Tandem-axle unit.** "Tandem-axle unit" means 2 or more axles at least 4 feet and not more than 8 feet apart, as measured from axle center to axle center of the extreme axles.

78-B. **Tank vehicle.** "Tank vehicle" means a commercial motor vehicle that is designed to transport liquid or gaseous materials within a tank or tanks having an individual rated capacity of more than 119 gallons and an aggregated rated capacity of 1,000 gallons or more that is either permanently or temporarily attached to the vehicle or the chassis. "Tank vehicle" does not include a commercial motor vehicle transporting an empty storage container tank, not designed for transportation of liquid or gaseous materials, with a rated capacity of 1,000 gallons or more that is temporarily attached to a flatbed trailer.

79. **Taxicab.** "Taxicab" means a sedan, station wagon or minivan used for hire, with a driver, that has a seating capacity of fewer than 5 persons behind the driver.

80. **Team.**

80-A. **Tow-away transporter combination.** "Tow-away transporter combination" means a combination of vehicles, with a combined gross weight not exceeding 26,000 pounds, consisting of a truck or truck and tractor and 2 trailers or semitrailers, which do not carry property and constitute inventory property of a manufacturer, distributor or dealer of such trailers or semitrailers.

80-B. **Text messaging.** "Text messaging" means reading or manually composing electronic communications, including text messages, instant messages and electronic mail, using a handheld electronic device. "Text messaging" does not include using a global positioning or navigation system.
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81. **Tow dolly.** "Tow dolly" means a device towed by a motor vehicle and designed and used exclusively to transport another motor vehicle and on which the front or rear wheels of the towed motor vehicle are mounted, while the other wheels of the towed motor vehicle remain in contact with the ground.

82. **Tractor.** "Tractor" means a motor vehicle used primarily off the highway for farming, forestry or other similar types of activities.

83. **Traffic.** "Traffic" means pedestrians, ridden or herded animals, vehicles, bicycles and other conveyances either singly or together using public way for travel.

84. **Traffic control device.** "Traffic control device" means a sign, a signal, a marking or a device placed or erected by a public body or official to regulate, warn or guide traffic.

85. **Traffic infraction.** "Traffic infraction" means any violation of any provision of this Title, or of any rules established under this Title, not expressly defined as a crime or as a civil violation and otherwise not punishable by incarceration. The term "traffic infraction" as used in any public or private law of this State or in any rule adopted pursuant to any law of this State has this same meaning and effect.

86. **Trailer.** "Trailer" means a vehicle without motive power, designed to carry persons or property and to be drawn by a motor vehicle, not operated on railroad tracks, and so constructed that no part of its weight rests upon the towing vehicle. "Trailer" does not include tow dollies.

86-A. **Tri-axle semitrailer.** "Tri-axle semitrailer" means a semitrailer that contains one tri-axle unit.

86-B. **Tri-axle unit.** "Tri-axle unit" means 3 axles more than 8 feet and less than 12 feet apart, as measured between the centers of the first and 3rd axles. If the axle center of a single-axle unit is closer than 10 feet, or 9 feet in the case of a steering axle, to the axle center of the nearest axle of a tri-axle unit, the 4 axles are a tri-axle unit.

87. **Trolley trailer.** "Trolley trailer" means a trailer equipped with permanent seats that face forward, are parallel to each other and have devices at each end to prevent a passenger from falling from the trailer when it is in motion. A trolley trailer has a maximum seating capacity of 24 passengers.

88. **Truck.** "Truck" means a motor vehicle designed and used primarily to carry property. A truck may be used to tow trailers or semitrailers.

89. **Truck camper.** "Truck camper" means a slide-in camper designed to be mounted on a truck body to provide temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, travel or other use.

90. **Truck tractor.** "Truck tractor" means a motor vehicle designed and used exclusively to draw other vehicles and not constructed to carry a load other than a part of the weight of the vehicle and the load drawn.
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91. Vehicle. "Vehicle" means a device for conveyance of persons or property on a way. "Vehicle" does not include conveyances propelled or drawn by human power or used exclusively on railroad tracks or snowmobiles as defined in Title 12, section 13001 or an electric personal assistive mobility device.  


91-A. Vulnerable user. "Vulnerable user" means a person on a public way who is more vulnerable to injury than a person in an automobile, truck or other similar motor vehicle and includes, but is not limited to:

A. A pedestrian, including a person on or within a public way engaged in work or the provision of emergency or roadside assistance;  

[PL 2015, c. 164, §1 (NEW).]

B. A person riding, guiding or leading an animal upon or within a public way;  

[PL 2015, c. 164, §1 (NEW).]

C. A person being guided by a service animal upon or within a public way; or  

[PL 2015, c. 164, §1 (NEW).]

D. A person lawfully on or within a public way, crosswalk or shoulder portion of the public way who is lawfully operating, riding, using, holding or otherwise on or in any of the following devices:

1. A bicycle, or a device that is an extension of a bicycle such as an extend-a-bike, a bicycle trailer or a child's bicycle seat;

2. A motorized bicycle or tricycle, including an electric-assisted bicycle;

3. A farm tractor or similar vehicle designed primarily for farm use;

4. A skateboard;

5. Roller skates;

6. In-line skates;

7. A scooter;

8. A moped;

9. A horse-drawn carriage;

10. An electric personal assistive mobility device;

11. A wheelchair;

12. A Segway; or

13. Roller skis.  

[PL 2015, c. 164, §1 (NEW).]

[PL 2015, c. 164, §1 (NEW).]

92. Way. "Way" means the entire width between boundary lines of a road, highway, parkway, street or bridge used for vehicular traffic, whether public or private.  


93. Wrecker. "Wrecker" means a motor vehicle with hoisting apparatus and special equipment designed and used for towing or carrying wrecked or disabled vehicles or freeing vehicles stalled or stuck in snow, mud or sand, when such a motor vehicle in fact is being used for one of those purposes. "Wrecker" does not include a vehicle designed to carry or tow more than 2 vehicles on its own body.  

[PL 2017, c. 165, §2 (AMD).]
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