

**SENATE . . . . . No. 2279**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Patrick M. O'Connor***

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*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

**An Act relative to motorcycle permit requirements.**

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Patrick M. O'Connor*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*First Plymouth and Norfolk*

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By Mr. O'Connor, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2279) of Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation relative to motorcycle permit requirements. Transportation.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 2363 OF 2021-2022.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act relative to motorcycle permit requirements.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           Section 8B of Chapter 90 is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following  
2 new text:-

3           Notwithstanding the preceding paragraphs, the registrar shall not issue a learner’s permit  
4 restricted to the operation of a motorcycle (Class M) or endorsement to an applicant who has not  
5 reached the age of 18 without first verifying that the applicant has:

6           (a) successfully completed a Motorcycle Basic Rider Course (BRC) as approved by the  
7 registrar;

8           (b) been issued a junior operator’s license pursuant to section 8, or a similar law of  
9 another state;

10 (c) maintained a driving record free of any surchargeable incidents for a period of not less  
11 than one year immediately preceding the date of application, as described in section 113B of  
12 chapter 175, and has not had such permit suspended under section 24P, or a similar law of  
13 another state, and has not been convicted of violating any alcohol-related or drug-related law of  
14 the commonwealth, or a similar alcohol-related or drug-related law of another state. For the  
15 purposes of this subsection, an alternate disposition of a violation including, but not limited to,  
16 having such violation continued without a finding or placed on file shall be deemed to be a  
17 conviction.