

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Patrick M. O'Connor

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.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Patrick M. O'Connor

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Plymouth and Norfolk

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 2279 OF 2023-2024.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

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.