

CHAPTER 5

TRAFFIC

ARTICLE 5. MOTORCYCLES

5-501 MOTORCYCLES; DEFINED. Motorcycle shall mean every motor vehicle having a seat or saddle for the use of the rider and designed to travel on not more than three (3) wheels in contact with the ground but excluding a tractor. Motor-driven cycle shall mean every motorcycle, including every motor scooter, with a motor which produces not to exceed five (5) brake horsepower as measured at the drive shaft. (Ref. 60-639, 60-640 RS Neb.)

5-502 MOTORCYCLES; LIGHTS. No person shall ride a motorcycle upon the streets, alleys or highways from one-half (1/2) hour after sunset to one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise unless the same shall be equipped with at least one (1) and not more than (2) headlights plainly visible from the front and with a taillight exhibiting a red light visible from a distance of at least five hundred (500) feet to the rear of such motorcycle; provided, said lamps shall comply with the requirements and limitations of the Statutes of the State of Nebraska. (Ref. 60-6,219 RS Neb.)

5-503 MOTORCYCLES; PROTECTIVE HELMETS REQUIRED. A person shall not operate or be a passenger on a motorcycle on any highway in the State of Nebraska unless such person is wearing a protective helmet of the type and design manufactured for use by operators of such vehicles and unless such helmet is secured properly on his or her head with a chin strap while the vehicle is in motion. All such protective helmets shall be designed to reduce injuries to the user resulting from head impacts and shall be designed to protect the use by remaining on the user's head, deflecting blows, resisting penetration, and spreading the force of impact. Each such helmet shall consist of lining, padding, and chin strap and shall meet or exceed the standards established in the United States Department of Transportation's Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 218, 49 CFR 571.218, for motorcycle helmets. (Ref. 60-6,278 through 60-6,282 RS Neb.)

5-504 MOTORCYCLE; NEBRASKA RULES OF THE ROAD; APPLICABILITY. Any person who operates a motorcycle shall have all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of any other vehicle under the Nebraska Rules of the Road except for special motorcycle regulations in the rules except for those provisions of the rules which by their nature can have no application. (Ref. 60-6,306 RS Neb.)