



HOUSE BILL 179: Mini-Truck Classification.

2019-2020 General Assembly

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Analysis of:	S.L. 2019-34		

OVERVIEW: *S.L. 2019-34 makes various changes to the motor vehicle laws of this State to create a definition for mini-trucks, sets the registration fee, and allows for the operation of mini-trucks on roadways with certain restrictions.*

This act became effective June 21, 2019.

CURRENT LAW: Under current law, mini-trucks are not specifically defined as a category of motor vehicle under Chapter 20.

BILL ANALYSIS: This act defines a mini-truck as a passenger vehicle, for the purposes of motor vehicle laws, as follows:

- A motor vehicle designed, used, or maintained primarily for the transportation of property; and
 - having four wheels;
 - an engine displacement of 660cc or less;
 - an overall length of 130 inches or less;
 - an overall height of 78 inches or less;
 - and an overall width of 60 inches or less.

This act specifies that the registration fee for mini-trucks is the same as a private passenger vehicle 15 passengers or less (\$36). This act also requires that low-speed vehicles or mini-trucks that are offered for rent would pay the same registration fee as a U-drive it automobile (\$66).

This act places restrictions and requirements on the operation of mini-trucks, which include that:

- Mini-trucks are only allowed to operate on streets and highways where the posted speed limit is 55 mph or less.
- Mini-trucks are equipped with certain equipment similar to that of a low-speed vehicle.
- Mini-trucks are registered and insured.
- Mini-trucks abide by DOT roadway prohibitions in the interest of safety.
- Mini-trucks are not to be considered antique or historic vehicles regardless of age.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act became effective June 21, 2019.

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