



PA State System of Higher Education Board of Governors

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POLICY 1985-02-A: OPERATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES ON STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION FACILITIES

See Also:

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NOTE: The regulations are also published in the Pennsylvania Code, Title 22, Part XVII, Chapter 507.

A. Scope

This policy is applicable to all persons operating a motor vehicle on facilities owned, leased, licensed, or operated by the State System of Higher Education.

B. Definitions

The following words and terms, when used in this policy, have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

Facility—any site at which the State System maintains administrative headquarters, university campuses, branch campuses, extension centers, and other State System-owned, leased, licensed, or operated sites.

Highway—a drive, lane, road, street, or trail located on a facility.

Motor Vehicle—a self-propelled vehicle other than a bicycle.

C. Crimes and Offenses Relating to the Operation and Parking of a Motor Vehicle

1. Operation

Each of the following activities constitutes a summary offense under 18 Pa. C.S. § 7505 (relating to violation of governmental rules regarding traffic) when conducted on a university campus:

- a. Operation of a motor vehicle on a highway at a speed in excess of the maximum posted limit.
- b. Operation of a motor vehicle on a highway that is posted as closed to motor vehicles.
- c. Operation of a motor vehicle without snow tires or chains on a designated snow emergency route during a declared snow emergency.
- d. Operation of a motor vehicle causing excessive noise or nuisance to the public peace and order.
- e. Operation of a motor vehicle being used for business or commerce without specific written approval from an authorized official of the facility.
- f. Operation of a motor vehicle on university grounds other than roads or other areas designated for operation of motor vehicles.

2. Parking

Each of the following activities constitutes a summary offense under 18 Pa. C.S. § 7505 when conducted on a State System facility.

- a. Parking a motor vehicle other than in a designated or posted parking area.
- b. Parking a motor vehicle which obstructs a gate, road, bicycle path, access way, drinking fountain, entrance, exit, or road turnaround.
- c. Parking a motor vehicle in an area that is posted or closed, without written approval of the facility's chief executive officer or a designee.

3. Fines

The Board of Governors will set the amounts of the fines for each campus or facility upon the recommendation of the chancellor or the respective university president.

D. Enforcement

1. Towing

A vehicle parked on a highway, parking area, or any other area in violation of parking rules may be towed at the owner's expense, upon authorization of the facility's chief executive officer or a designee.

2. Booting

An immobilizing device may be placed on any vehicle with three or more delinquent citations to compel payment of fines.

A service charge, not to exceed \$50 may be assessed for the removal of immobilizers.

3. Notice of towing and booting shall be contained in the published parking rules of facilities engaging in either practice.

4. Tow-away areas shall be posted with tow-away signs.

E. Application of the Vehicle Code

The provisions of 75 Pa. C.S. paragraphs 101–9910 (relating to the Vehicle Code) are applicable to the facilities of the State System of Higher Education.

F. Trespass

1. A person who disregards instructions or warnings given by, or interferes with a System police officer or employee or official may be ordered to leave the facility by the chief executive officer or a designee.

2. Refusal to leave the facility after receiving an order to leave from the chief executive officer or a designee constitutes an act of criminal trespass under 18 Pa. C.S. § 3503 (relating to criminal trespass).