

# Here Are Rules For Mini-Bikes

Secretary of State James M. Hare, clarifying use of so-called "mini-bikes" on public streets and highways, warned parents of youngsters under 15 years of age that the law forbids these children from riding the little motorcycles on public thoroughfares.

At the same time, Hare cautioned about the operation of "mini-bikes" by older drivers. "Almost all inquiries we

receive reveal a widespread public misunderstanding of the laws governing such vehicles," Hare said.

WHEN OPERATED on public street or highway, a "mini-bike" must be equipped as required by the laws governing motor-cycled or motor-driven cycles. It must be registered with the Department of State and it must bear valid license plates, Hare said.

The drivers of "mini-bikes" ridden on public thoroughfares must be licensed motor vehicle operators, or have a special restricted permit. If a licensed operator has renewed his license, or received such a license for the first time in Michigan since June 1, 1970, he must also have a special endorsement to operate a motorcycle.

"The law requires that the

holder of a regular driver license be 16 years of age, or older," Hare said. "A special restricted license to operate a motor-driven cycle may be issued to 15-year-olds if they prove that they are competent to drive such a vehicle safely and if they have passed a driver education course and examination.

"I urge any youngster holding a restricted motor-driven cycle

license to be certain that his vehicle develops less than five gross brake horsepower.

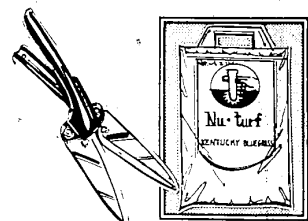
For a comprehensive summary of the laws on motorcycles and motor-driven cycles, Hare suggests that any interested person pick up a free copy of the publication, "What Every Motorcyclist Must Know," from the Department of State or one of its driver examining branches.

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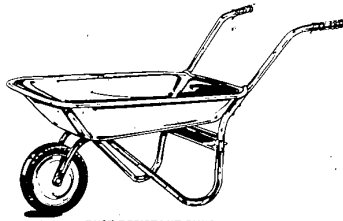
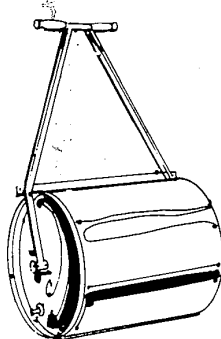


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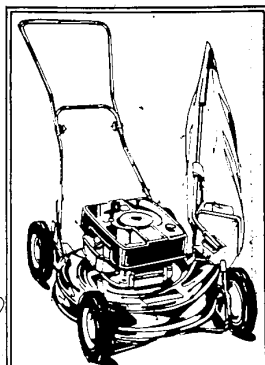


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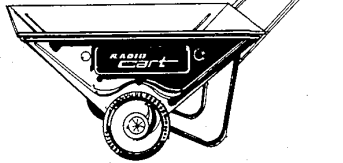


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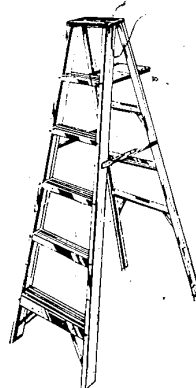
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