



LEDs TRAINING BULLETIN

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Medium-Speed Electric Vehicles

HB 2001 provides a definition, registration type and registration fee for Medium-Speed Electric Vehicles. A Medium-Speed Electric Vehicle is defined as not being capable of traveling at a speed greater than 35 mph. Medium-Speed Electric Vehicles are restricted to operating on roads with posted speeds of no more than 45 mph; however, the bill also contains a provision for cities and counties to set local ordinances permitting these vehicles to operate on roads with a speed limit greater than 45 mph. The department will adopt safety standards for medium and low-speed vehicles by administrative rule.

Medium-Speed Electric Vehicles will be registered at DMV *beginning October 1, 2009*. A title must be issued for these vehicles in order to obtain registration and license plates. These vehicles will be registered for two years from the date of original issuance and will receive a pair of registration plates with a MS00000 configuration (M over S followed by 5 numbers). The plates will be issued on a yellow background.

DMV will record convictions for operating a medium-speed electric vehicle on a highway where the speed limit is greater than 45 mph using the existing conviction for low-speed vehicles. The DD11 Manual and Guide to Oregon Records will be updated to reference the ORS and conviction for medium-speed electric vehicles.

For additional information, please call (503) 945-5000 or (503) 299-9999 (Portland Metro Area), or visit the DMV website.

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