

FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
**HOUSE BILL NO. 592**  
**101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

1104H.03C

DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

---

---

**AN ACT**

To amend chapter 304, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to personal delivery devices.

---

---

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 304, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 304.900, to read as follows:

**304.900. 1. As used in this section, the following terms mean:**

(1) "Agent", a person given the responsibility, by an entity, of navigating and operating a personal delivery device;

(2) "Personal delivery device", a powered device operated primarily on sidewalks and crosswalks, intended primarily for the transport of property on public rights-of-way, and capable of navigating with or without the active control or monitoring of a natural person. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a "personal delivery device" shall not be defined as a motor vehicle or a vehicle;

(3) "Personal delivery device operator", an entity or its agent that exercises physical control or monitoring over the navigation system and operation of a personal delivery device. A "personal delivery device operator" does not include an entity or person that requests or receives the services of a personal delivery device for the purpose of transporting property or an entity or person who merely arranges for and dispatches the requested services of a personal delivery device.

2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a personal delivery device is authorized to operate in this state:

(1) On any sidewalk or crosswalk of any county or municipality in the state; and

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18           **(2) On any roadway of any county or municipality in the state, provided that the**  
19 **personal delivery device shall not unreasonably interfere with motor vehicles or traffic.**

20           **3. A personal delivery device shall:**

21           **(1) Not block public rights-of-way;**

22           **(2) Obey all traffic and pedestrian control signals and devices;**

23           **(3) Operate at a speed that does not exceed a maximum speed of ten miles per hour**  
24 **on a sidewalk or crosswalk;**

25           **(4) Contain a unique identifying number that is displayed on the device;**

26           **(5) Include a means of identifying the personal delivery device operator; and**

27           **(6) Be equipped with a system that enables the personal delivery device to come to**  
28 **a controlled stop.**

29           **4. Subject to the requirements of this section, a personal delivery device operating**  
30 **on a sidewalk or crosswalk shall have all the rights and responsibilities applicable to a**  
31 **pedestrian under the same circumstances.**

32           **5. A personal delivery device shall be exempt from motor vehicle registration**  
33 **requirements.**

34           **6. A personal delivery device operator shall maintain an insurance policy that**  
35 **provides general liability coverage of at least one hundred thousand dollars for damages**  
36 **arising from the combined operations of personal delivery devices under a personal**  
37 **delivery device operator's control.**

38           **7. If the personal delivery device is being operated between sunset and sunrise, it**  
39 **shall be equipped with lighting on both the front and rear of the personal delivery device**  
40 **visible in clear weather from a distance of at least five hundred feet to the front and rear**  
41 **of the personal delivery device.**

42           **8. A personal delivery device shall not be used for the transportation of hazardous**  
43 **material regulated under the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act, 49 USC Section**  
44 **5103, and required to be placarded under 49 CFR Part 172, Subpart F.**

45           **9. Nothing in this section shall prohibit a political subdivision from regulating the**  
46 **operation of personal delivery devices on a highway or pedestrian area to insure the**  
47 **welfare and safety of its residents. However, political subdivisions shall not regulate the**  
48 **design, manufacture and maintenance of a personal delivery device nor the types of**  
49 **property that may be transported by a personal delivery device. Additionally, no political**  
50 **subdivision shall treat personal delivery devices differently for the purposes of assessment**  
51 **and taxation or other charges from personal property that is similar in nature.**

✓