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- The following abbreviations are used in Appendix C:
M.G.L. c. __ , § __ Chapter and Section of the Massachusetts General Laws
__ CMR __ Code of Massachusetts Regulations

- The following out-of-state incidents are to be counted as Major Traffic Violations:
 - ◆ Operating under the influence of liquor and/or narcotics (including assignment to a driver alcohol education program)
 - ◆ Vehicular Homicide

MAJOR TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS	
Bypass ignition interlock for another	M.G.L. c. 90, § 24U(a)(1)
Child endangerment while OUI	M.G.L. c. 90, § 24V
Driving to Endanger or Reckless Driving	M.G.L. c. 90, § 24
Leaving Scene of Accident after Injuring a Person	M.G.L. c. 90, § 24
Leaving Scene of Accident after Injuring a Property	M.G.L. c. 90, § 24
Leaving Scene of Personal Injury and Death	M.G.L. c. 90, § 24
Liquor and Narcotics, operating under the influence of (including assignment to a driver alcohol education program or controlled substance treatment or rehabilitation program under M.G.L. c. 90 § 24D)	M.G.L. c. 90, § 24
Liquor and Narcotics, operating under the influence of and reckless operation causing serious injury	M.G.L. c. 90, § 24L
Manslaughter (only if by Motor Vehicle)	M.G.L. c. 265, § 13
Manslaughter while OUI	M.G.L. c. 265, § 13½
Operate without ignition interlock	M.G.L. c. 90, § 24S(a)
Operating after Revocation of License	M.G.L. c. 90, § 23
Operating after Suspension of Drivers License	M.G.L. c. 90, § 23
OUI while license suspended for OUI	M.G.L. c. 90, § 23
Permit unlicensed suspended operation of MV	M.G.L. c. 90, § 12(b)
Permit operation without ignition interlock	M.G.L. c. 90, § 12(c)
Refusing to Stop for Officer	M.G.L. c. 90, § 25
Tamper with ignition interlock	M.G.L. c. 90, § 24T(a)
Vehicular Homicide	M.G.L. c. 90, § 24G

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- All out-of-state incidents which can be classified in any one of the Minor Traffic Violation categories listed in the tables on pages C:2 – C:8 shall be counted as Minor Traffic Violations.

MINOR TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS	
Accident, hit and run	M.G.L. c. 90, § 24
Alleys and driveways, emerging from, must stop	720 CMR 9.06(20)
Allowing vehicle to stand unattended, motor running	M.G.L. c. 90, § 13
Anything on or in vehicle or on person interferes with operation	M.G.L. c. 90, § 13
Attempting a speed record	M.G.L. c. 90, § 13
Backing and u-turns prohibited	730 CMR 7.08(17)(b)
Backing up for missed ramp	720 CMR 9.08(3) 730 CMR 7.08(17)(b)
Blind pedestrians, must stop for	M.G.L. c. 90, § 14A
Blow horn when necessary	720 CMR 9.06(15)
Brakes, inadequate	730 CMR 7.05(5)(g)
Brakes, operating without	M.G.L. c. 90, § 7
Bridges, speed law	M.G.L. c. 85, § 20
Careless operation - construction zone	730 CMR 7.08(12)(c)
Careless or negligent operation	730 CMR 7.08(5)(a)
Channelizing island, no driving on	720 CMR 9.06(22)
Coasting	730 CMR 7.08(16)
Crossing solid pavement markings	730 CMR 7.08(8)
Crosswalk, motor vehicle not to enter if his car will block it	M.G.L. c. 89, § 11
Crosswalk, operator yield to pedestrian	M.G.L. c. 89, § 11
Cutting in after passing	720 CMR 9.06(3)
Deploying unauthorized sign	730 CMR 7.08(1)(a)
Directional signals, devices required	M.G.L. c. 90, § 7
Directional signals, hand or mechanical required for lane change	M.G.L. c. 90, § 14B
Drag racing, speeding	M.G.L. c. 90, § 17B
Driving in "breakdown lane"	M.G.L. c. 89, § 4B
Driving within 8 feet of street car stopped for passengers	M.G.L. c. 90, § 14
Emergency vehicles, right of way	M.G.L. c. 89, § 7
Employ unlicensed operator	M.G.L. c. 90, § 12(a)
Entry into excluded area - construction zone	730 CMR 7.08(12)(b)
Entry into restricted area - general	730 CMR 7.08(11)(a)
Entry into restricted area - left lane restrictions	730 CMR 7.08(11)(b)
Exhibit another license	M.G.L. c. 90, § 23
Failure to ascertain if it is safe to change lanes	M.G.L. c. 89, § 4A
Failure to comply with orders	730 CMR 7.08(1)(b)
Failure to keep to the right when turning right	M.G.L. c. 90, § 14 350 CMR 4.01(4) 720 CMR 9.06(16) 730 CMR 7.08(17)(c)
Failure to keep to the far left when turning on a one/two way street	M.G.L. c. 90, § 14
Failure to fasten a trailer to a tow vehicle with proper safety chains	M.G.L. c. 90, § 7
Failure to give proper stopping or turning signals	M.G.L. c. 90, § 14 350 CMR 4.01(4) 730 CMR 7.08(17)(c)

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Failure to keep in right lane	M.G.L. c. 89, § 4B 350 CMR 4.01(4) 720 CMR 9.06(16) 730 CMR 7.08(13)(a) 730 CMR 7.08(13)(b)
Failure to keep to right when view is obstructed up to 400 feet	M.G.L. c. 89, § 4 720 CMR 9.06(16)
Failure to obey sign	730 CMR 7.08(1)(a)
Failure to obey traffic control signal	730 CMR 7.08(2)
Failure to see that movement can be made in safety before starting, stopping, turning or backing up	720 CMR 9.06(9)
Failure to stop at sign or signal at intersection	M.G.L. c. 89, § 9
Failure to stop at toll booth	730 CMR 7.03(2)
Failure to use care in stopping or turning - hand signals	730 CMR 7.08(17)(c)
Failure to use child restraint	M.G.L. c. 90, § 7AA
Fire apparatus, driving within 300 feet if going to a fire	M.G.L. c. 89, § 7A
Fire apparatus, failing to pull to right and stop	M.G.L. c. 89, § 7A
Fire Department, interfering with	M.G.L. c. 89, § 7A
Flashing red traffic signal, failure to stop	M.G.L. c. 89, § 9 730 CMR 7.08(2)
Following too closely	720 CMR 9.06(7) 730 CMR 7.08(15)
Hand signals, failure to give	M.G.L. c. 90, § 14B 350 CMR 4.01(4)
Headlights, dimming from high beam	M.G.L. c. 90, § 31 540 CMR 22.00 730 CMR 7.08(22)(b)
Headlights, one half hour after sunset	M.G.L. c. 90, § 7
Headlights, improper use of	730 CMR 7.08(22)(a) 730 CMR 7.08(22)(b)
Headphones, wearing while operating	M.G.L. c. 90, § 13
Height, operating vehicle when elevated or lowered	M.G.L. c. 90, § 7P
Hit and run, person injured	M.G.L. c. 90, § 24
Hit and run, property damage	M.G.L. c. 90, § 24
Horn, improper use of	730 CMR 7.08(21)
Horn, operating without	M.G.L. c. 90, § 7
Horn, sound when necessary	720 CMR 9.06(15)
Ignition key, remove from unattended vehicle	M.G.L. c. 90, § 13
Improper entry to a way	730 CMR 7.08(7)
Improper passing	M.G.L. c. 89, § 1
Improper use of cutouts	730 CMR 7.08(20)
Inadequate equipment (brakes, directional signals, lights or safety devices)	730 CMR 7.08(27)
Inspection sticker, failure to display	M.G.L. c. 90, § 20 730 CMR 7.08(26)

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Inspection sticker, operating without	M.G.L. c. 90, § 7A M.G.L. c. 90, § 20 730 CMR 7.08(26)
Interfering with sign	730 CMR 7.08(1)(a)
Intersecting way, slow down when approaching	M.G.L. c. 90, § 14
Junior operator's license, operating in violation of	M.G.L. c. 90, § 8
Keeping to the right when overtaking another vehicle	730 CMR 7.08(13)(a) 730 CMR 7.08(13)(b)
Lane, marked, no straddling	720 CMR 9.06(1)
Learner's permit, motorcycle, violation of	M.G.L. c. 90, § 8B
Learner's permit, operating in violation of	M.G.L. c. 90, § 8B
License, Class 1-2-3	M.G.L. c. 90, § 8A 540 CMR 2.06
License, operating when not properly licensed	M.G.L. c. 90, § 10
License, violation of restriction	M.G.L. c. 90, § 8
Lights, operating motor vehicle with improper lights	M.G.L. c. 90, § 7 & § 16
Liquor, operation of motor vehicle containing alcoholic beverage, minor (under age 21)	M.G.L. c. 138, § 34C
Making a turn from the wrong lane of traffic	M.G.L. c. 90, § 14
Making a right turn on a red light where prohibited	M.G.L. c. 89, § 8
Meeting other vehicles, exercise due care when	M.G.L. c. 89, § 1
Mirrors and reflectors, operating without proper	M.G.L. c. 90, § 7
Minimum separation	730 CMR 7.06(5)(f)4 730 CMR 7.06(6)(e)4
Motorcycle, operating without proper equipment, lights and headgear	M.G.L. c. 90, § 7
Motorcycle, no more than 2 abreast	M.G.L. c. 89, § 4A
Motorcycle, no passenger unless machine so designed	M.G.L. c. 90, § 13
Motorcycle, single file when passing	M.G.L. c. 89, § 4A
Negligent loading	730 CMR 7.08(5)(b)
Negligently operating	M.G.L. c. 90, § 24 730 CMR 7.08(5)(a)
No stopping	730 CMR 7.06(5)(f)5 730 CMR 7.06(6)(e)5
Not reasonably to right for vehicle approaching from the opposite direction	M.G.L. c. 89, § 1
Noise, offensive, unreasonable (squealing tires)	M.G.L. c. 90, § 16
Not slowing down and keeping right of center on approaching intersection or corner where view is obstructed	M.G.L. c. 90, § 14
Not yielding to oncoming vehicles when making a left turn	M.G.L. c. 90, § 14

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Obstructing emergency vehicle	M.G.L. c. 89, § 7
One way street	M.G.L. c. 89, § 10 720 CMR 9.05(1) & (2) 730 CMR 7.05(1)
One way street, left turn from	M.G.L. c. 90, § 14
Operating after suspension or revocation of registration	M.G.L. c. 90, § 23
Operating, at crosswalk yield to pedestrian	720 CMR 9.06(27)
Operating, being overtaken, must not increase speed	720 CMR 9.06(5) 730 CMR 7.08(14)
Operating on a bet or wager	M.G.L. c. 90, § 24
Operating car not properly registered	M.G.L. c. 90, § 9
Operating, disobeying sign, signal or marker	350 CMR 4.01(1) & (7) 720 CMR 9.06(10),(11), (12),(17) 720 CMR 9.07(4) 730 CMR 7.08(1)(a)
Operating, don't enter intersection or crosswalk unless crossing can be completed	720 CMR 9.06(6)(b)
Operating, don't obstruct movement of traffic	720 CMR 9.06(6)(a)
Operating, don't pass unless safe	720 CMR 9.06(3) & (4) 730 CMR 7.08(14)
Operating, funerals and processions	720 CMR 9.06(24) M.G.L. c. 272, § 42
Operating in violation of license restrictions	M.G.L. c. 90, § 8
Operating, men & equipment in highway	720 CMR 9.06(25)
Operating at speed greater than reasonable or proper	M.G.L. c. 90, § 17
Operating, marked lanes staying within	720 CMR 9.06(01)
Operating, motorcycle without permanent seat	M.G.L. c. 90, § 13
Operating motor vehicle without liability policy	M.G.L. c. 90, § 34J
Operating, no driving on sidewalks	720 CMR 9.06(19) M.G.L. c. 89, § 1
Operating, obey traffic signs, signals, markings	M.G.L. c. 90, § 18 350 CMR 4.01(1) & (7) 720 CMR 9.06(10),(11), (12),(17) 720 CMR 9.07(4) 730 CMR 7.08(1)(a) 730 CMR 7.08(2)

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Operating on road surface closed to travel due to construction or repair	720 CMR 9.06(18)
Operating, obey yield signs	720 CMR 9.06(14)
Operating on ways divided into lanes	M.G.L. c. 89, § 4A
Operating through peekhole in snow on windshield	M.G.L. c. 90, § 13
Operating truck or bus, using passing lane where signs prohibit	720 CMR 9.08(5)
Operating, turning where signs prohibit	720 CMR 9.06(21)
Operating, U turn contrary to sign	720 CMR 9.06(22)
Operating unregistered car	M.G.L. c. 90, § 9
Operating, use right lane	720 CMR 9.06(2)
Operating without proper mirrors and reflectors	M.G.L. c. 90, § 7
Operator not to obstruct passing vehicle	M.G.L. c. 89, § 2, 730 CMR 7.08(14)
Parking lights	M.G.L. c. 90, § 7
Passing a vehicle stopped for a pedestrian in a crosswalk	M.G.L. c. 89, § 1 350 CMR 4.01(8)
Passing bicycles, slow down	M.G.L. c. 90, § 14
Passing, care in passing another vehicle	730 CMR 7.08(14)
Passing, commercial vehicles, excess 2 and one half tons (except busses) use right lane pass in adjacent lane	M.G.L. c. 89, § 4C
Passing, don't obstruct passer	M.G.L. c. 89, § 2
Passing horses, use care	M.G.L. c. 90, § 14
Passing on right, unless vehicle being passed is (A) making a left turn, (B) on one way street (C) on a divided highway	M.G.L. c. 89, § 2
Passing school bus when flashers are on	M.G.L. c. 90, § 14
Passing vehicle forbidden if view is obstructed for less than 400 feet	M.G.L. c. 89, § 4
Pedestrian, failing to exercise due care to avoid colliding with	720 CMR 9.06(28) 350 CMR 4.01(8)
Pedestrian, must slow down for	M.G.L. c. 90, § 14 350 CMR 4.01(8)
Permitting Operation by a person who has no legal right	M.G.L. c. 90, § 12
Procession, following vehicle ahead as closely as is practical and safe	720 CMR 9.06(24)
Racing	M.G.L. c. 90, § 24
Railroad crossing, failure to slow down	M.G.L. c. 90, § 15
Railroad crossing, failure to stop while lights are flashing or gate lowered	M.G.L. c. 90, § 15
Rear lights, must have	M.G.L. c. 85, § 15
Rear lights, operating without	M.G.L. c. 90, § 7
Red flag or light, rear of load	M.G.L. c. 90, § 7

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Red flashing signal, stop	M.G.L. c. 89, § 9 730 CMR 7.08(2)
Right of way, fire engines, patrol wagons, ambulances	M.G.L. c. 89, § 7
Right of way, failure to yield to an approaching vehicle	720 CMR 9.06(14)
Right of way, pedestrian in a crosswalk	M.G.L. c. 89, § 11
Safety glass, operating or permitting operation without	M.G.L. c. 90, § 9A
School bus, driver's responsibilities	M.G.L. c. 90, § 7B
School bus, railroad crossing, must stop and open door	M.G.L. c. 90, § 15
School bus, speed limited	M.G.L. c. 90, § 17
School zone, speed limit	M.G.L. c. 90, § 17
Siren law	M.G.L. c. 90, § 16
Slow down to pass pedestrian	M.G.L. c. 90, § 14
Slow moving vehicles, keep right on upgrade	M.G.L. c. 89, § 4
Slow moving vehicles, keep 200 feet apart	720 CMR 9.06(8)
Space between vehicles	730 CMR 7.08(15)
Speed at railroad crossings	M.G.L. c. 90, § 15
Speed, bridges	M.G.L. c. 85, § 20
Speed, certain vehicles to operate 5 m.p.h. below speed posted	M.G.L. c. 90, § 17
Speed, decrease for special hazards (pedestrians, traffic, weather)	M.G.L. c. 90, § 17
Speed, excess speed - construction zone	730 CMR 7.08(12)(a)
Speed, failure to regulate when men and equipment are on road	M.G.L. c. 90, § 17
Speed, faster than posted	M.G.L. c. 90, § 17 M.G.L. c. 90, § 18 350 CMR 4.01(2) 730 CMR 7.08(6)(c)
Speed, greater than reasonable and proper	M.G.L. c. 90, § 17 730 CMR 7.08(6)(a)
Speed limit 15 m.p.h. near vehicle peddling merchandise, when flashing lights	M.G.L. c. 90, § 17
Speed limits, thickly settled district, school zone	M.G.L. c. 90, § 17
Speed, maximum speed	730 CMR 7.08(6)(c)
Speed, minimum speed	730 CMR 7.08(6)(c)
Speed, operating at dangerous speed	730 CMR 7.08(6)(b)
Speed, reasonable and proper	730 CMR 7.08(6)(a)
Speed, special regulations	M.G.L. c. 90, § 18
Speed, school bus	M.G.L. c. 90, § 17
Stolen car, operating	M.G.L. c. 90, § 24
Stop before passing school bus	M.G.L. c. 90, § 14
Stop sign, failure to completely stop	720 CMR 9.06(13)
Stop signs	M.G.L. c. 89, § 9
Stopping, standing, or parking	730 CMR 7.08(17)(a)

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Street car, care in passing	M.G.L. c. 90, § 14
Street car, 8 foot stopping law	M.G.L. c. 90, § 14
Tailgating	720 CMR 9.06(7)
Television in operator's view	M.G.L. c. 90, § 13
Throughways, right of way	M.G.L. c. 89, § 9
Tires too wide	M.G.L. c. 90, § 19
Traffic, refusing to comply with lawful order of police officer when directing	720 CMR 9.07(3) 350 CMR 4.01(6) 730 CMR 7.08(1)(b)
Traffic control lights, failure to obey	720 CMR 9.06(10) 730 CMR 7.08(2)
Traffic signals, flashing red is same as stop sign	M.G.L. c. 89, § 9
Tread depth, tires	M.G.L. c. 90, § 7Q 540 CMR 4.04
Turning where signs prohibit	720 CMR 9.06(23)
Turning improperly	M.G.L. c. 90, § 14
Unauthorized entry or exit from a way	730 CMR 7.05(3)
Unauthorized or dangerous crossing of median or other area	730 CMR 7.08(10)(a)
Unauthorized use of breakdown lane	730 CMR 7.08(9)
Unauthorized use of cross-over	730 CMR 7.08(10)(b)
Unlawful speed on County Bridge	M.G.L. c. 85, § 20
Unattended vehicle, stop engine, set brakes, remove key from switch and from vehicle	M.G.L. c. 90, § 13
U turn where signs prohibit	720 CMR 9.06(26)
Vehicles excluded area, operating or permitting one's vehicle to be operated where posted	M.G.L. c. 90, § 16 350 CMR 4.01(10)
Violation of Department of Highways rule or regulation or by-laws relative to signs, lights, signal systems, traffic devices markings	M.G.L. c. 85, § 2
Violation of left lane exclusion of heavy vehicles	M.G.L. c. 89, § 4C
Violation of right of way at intersecting ways	M.G.L. c. 89, § 8
Violation of gubernatorial by-laws on ways of the Commonwealth	M.G.L. c. 85, § 23
Wrong direction in Sumner, Callahan, or Ted Williams Tunnel	730 CMR 7.05(2)
Wrong way travel	730 CMR 7.05(1)
"Yield sign," failure to surrender to oncoming traffic, stop if necessary	720 CMR 9.06(14)