

**CODE OF MASSACHUSETTS REGULATIONS  
TITLE 730: MASSACHUSETTS TURNPIKE AUTHORITY  
CHAPTER 7.00: USE OF THE MASSACHUSETTS TURNPIKE AND  
THE METROPOLITAN HIGHWAY SYSTEM**

**7.12: Penalties**

(1) Exemptions. 730 CMR 7.12 does not apply to, and the Authority does not impose a penalty with respect to, an operator of a vehicle acting in conformity with the direction of a toll collector or Massachusetts State Police officer, to the operator of a vehicle actually engaged in work on a way when the requirements of the work necessitate a departure from any of the requirements of 730 CMR 7.00 and the departure does not endanger the safety of individuals or property, or to a toll collector or Massachusetts State Police officer when engaged in the performance of duties that necessitates a departure from any of the requirements of 730 CMR 7.00, or to the operator of an official emergency vehicle when an emergency necessitates departure from any of the requirements of 730 CMR 7.00. These exemptions do not, however, relieve such an operator from other legal consequences of the operator's or individual's action.

(2) Prima Facie Responsibility for Violations. If a vehicle is operated on a way in violation of any provision of 730 CMR 7.00 or any other regulation or law of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the identity of the operator of the vehicle can not be determined, the person in whose name the vehicle is registered is deemed *prima facie* responsible for the violation. With regard to a violation of 730 CMR 7.03(10), the person in whose name the vehicle is registered is deemed *prima facie* responsible for the violation, regardless of whether the operator of the vehicle may be identified.

(3) Fines.

(a) Fines by Reference to 730 CMR 7.00. Whoever violates any provision of 730 CMR 7.00 is subject to a fine not exceeding the amount indicated in 730 CMR 7.00: *Table 10*, in addition to other penalties as the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or federal law may provide. The section title and general subject matter headings are provided for convenience only and do not amend or in any way affect the substance of the provisions to which they refer.

TABLE 10

<b>Section Title</b>	<b>Section</b>	<b>General Subject Matter</b>	<b>Fine Way other than the Tunnels</b>	<b>Fine Tunnels</b>
<b>Tolls</b>	730 CMR 7.03(2)	Failure to stop at toll booth	\$50	\$50
	730 CMR 7.03(3)	Evasion of toll	\$250	\$250
	730 CMR 7.03(10)	Unauthorized Use of a Manual Toll Lane	Note 1	Note 1
<b>Electronic Toll Collection</b>	730 CMR 7.04(1)(a)	Unauthorized use of ETC System Restricted Access	Note 1	Note 1
	730 CMR 7.04(1)(b)	Evasion of Toll by Device or Method	Note 1	Note 1
	730 CMR 7.04(3)		\$250	\$250
<b>Limitation on Use of Ways</b>	730 CMR 7.05(1)	Wrong way travel	\$50	-
	730 CMR 7.05(2)	Wrong direction in Sumner, Callahan, or Ted Williams Tunnel	-	\$500
	730 CMR 7.05(3)		\$50	\$50
	730 CMR 7.05(4)	Unauthorized entry or exit from a way Unauthorized use of the Ted Williams Tunnel	-	\$50

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<b>Prohibited Entry to or Use of a Way: Vehicle</b>	730 CMR 7.05(5)(a)	Improperly seated person Flat or inadequate tire	\$100 \$35	\$100 \$35	
	730 CMR 7.05(5)(b)	Obstructed window Muscle-powered vehicle	\$100 \$100	\$100 \$100	
	730 CMR 7.05(5)(c)	Construction equipment Falling debris	\$100 \$100	\$100 \$100	
	730 CMR 7.05(5)(d)	Inadequate brakes 1 <sup>st</sup> Offense	\$35	\$35	
	730 CMR 7.05(5)(e)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Offense 3 <sup>rd</sup> and subsequent Offense	\$75 \$150	\$75 \$150	
	730 CMR 7.05(5)(f)	within any 12 month period	Note 2	Note 2	
	730 CMR 7.05(5)(g)	Over-weight vehicle Over-size vehicle	\$500 -	\$500 \$500	
		Propelled by a special fuel Carrying an explosive	\$100 \$500	\$100 \$500	
		Carrying a special fuel Carrying a hazardous material	\$500 -	\$500 \$500	
	730 CMR 7.05(5)(h)	Tandem unit, bulk liquid, radioactive			
	730 CMR 7.05(5)(i)	materials, explosives,	\$50	\$50	
	730 CMR 7.05(5)(j)	hazardous materials			
	730 CMR 7.05(5)(k)	Offensive odor, excessive smoke, improperly towed			
	730 CMR 7.05(5)(l)				
	730 CMR 7.05(5)(m)				
	730 CMR 7.05(5)(n)				
	730 CMR 7.05(5)(o)				
	<b>Prohibited Entry to or Use of a Way: Non- vehicle</b>	730 CMR 7.05(6)	Pedestrians and animals	\$50	\$50
		730 CMR 7.05(7)	Aircraft	\$500	-
		730 CMR 7.05(8)	Hitchhiking or loitering	\$50	\$50
730 CMR 7.05(9)		Commercial activity	\$50	\$50	
<b>Special Permits: General</b>	730 CMR 7.06(2)(e)	Misrepresentation Invalid transfer	\$500 \$500	\$500 \$500	
	730 CMR 7.06(2)(f)	Inappropriate use of Irreducible Load permit	\$500	\$500	
	730 CMR 7.06(2)(h)	Inadequately insured vehicle operating under a Special Permit	\$500	\$500	
	730 CMR 7.06(2)(j)	Operation of tandem unit in Tunnels - weight	-	\$500	
	730 CMR 7.06(2)(j)	Failure to carry original permit issued by the Commissioner of	\$100	\$100	
	730 CMR 7.06(2)(m)	Highways Failure to produce original Reducible Load (RL) Permit	\$100/each permit \$100	\$100/each permit	
	730 CMR 7.06(3)(c)2.	Failure to carry original permit issued by the Commissioner of	\$500	\$100 \$500	

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	730 CMR 7.06(3)(c)3.	Highways Failure to conform with requirements	-	\$500	
	730 CMR 7.06(4)(c)2.	for pilot car, police escort, or warning sign	\$100		
	730 CMR 7.06(4)(d)	Prohibition on operation of Tandem unit and saddlemount combination (length) - Tunnels	\$500	\$100	
	730 CMR 7.06(4)(e)	Failure to exhibit height indication		\$500	
	730 CMR 7.06(4)(f)	Insufficient care with respect to operation of over-size vehicle			
	730 CMR 7.06(4)(g)				
<b>Special Permit: Vehicle Carrying an Explosive</b>	730 CMR 7.06(5)(f)2.	Failure to carry original permit	\$100	-	
	730 CMR 7.06(5)(f)4.	Minimum separation	\$500	-	
	730 CMR 7.06(5)(f)5.	No stopping	\$500	-	
	730 CMR 7.06(5)(f)6.	Conformance with law	\$500	-	
<b>Special Permit: Vehicle Carrying a Special Fuel</b>	730 CMR 7.06(6)(e)2.	Failure to carry original permit	\$100	-	
	730 CMR 7.06(6)(e)2.	Failure to display signs	\$100	-	
	730 CMR 7.06(6)(e)4.	Minimum separation	\$500	-	
	730 CMR 7.06(6)(e)5.	No stopping	\$500	-	
	730 CMR 7.06(6)(e)6.	Conformance with law	\$500	-	
<b>Limitations on Large Tandem Units</b>	All provisions of 730 CMR 7.07		\$500	-	
<b>Traffic, Operation, and Safety: General</b>	730 CMR 7.08(1)(a)	Failure to obey sign	\$50	\$50	
	730 CMR 7.08(1)(a)	Interfering with sign	\$50	\$50	
	730 CMR 7.08(1)(a)	Deploying unauthorized sign	\$50	\$50	
	730 CMR 7.08(1)(a)	Failure to comply with orders	\$50	\$50	
	730 CMR 7.08(1)(b)	Failure to obey traffic control signal	\$50	\$50	
	730 CMR 7.08(2)				
<b>Traffic, Operation, and Safety: Parking Prohibitions</b>	730 CMR 7.08(4)(a)	No parking area: posted	\$50	-	
	730 CMR 7.08(4)(b)	No parking area: tow zone	\$50	-	
	730 CMR 7.08(4)(c)	No stopping or standing	\$50	-	
	730 CMR 7.08(4)(d)	Crosswalk	\$50	-	
	730 CMR 7.08(4)(e)	Sidewalk	\$50	-	
	730 CMR 7.08(4)(f)	Reserved area	\$50	-	
	730 CMR 7.08(4)(g)	HP or DV plate parking only	\$150	-	
	730 CMR 7.08(4)(h)	Handicapped ramp	\$100	-	
	730 CMR 7.08(4)(i)	Median	\$50	-	
	730 CMR 7.08(4)(j)	Bus or truck parking area	\$50	-	
730 CMR 7.08(4)(k)	Car parking area	\$50	-		
730 CMR 7.08(4)(l)	Tandem trailer parking area	\$50	-		

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	730 CMR 7.08(4)(g)	Hydrant Designated fire lane	\$50 \$100	- -
	730 CMR 7.08(4)(h)	Breakdown lane Over posted time limit	\$50 \$50	- -
	730 CMR 7.08(4)(i)	Inspection Sticker	\$50	-
	730 CMR 7.08(4)(j)	Idling in excess of five minutes Emergency vehicle access	\$100 \$50	- -
	730 CMR 7.08(4)(k)	Double parking Weather emergency	\$50 \$50	- -
	730 CMR 7.08(4)(l)	Outside of marked spaces	\$50	-
	730 CMR 7.08(4)(m)			
	730 CMR 7.08(4)(n)			
	730 CMR 7.08(4)(o)			
	730 CMR 7.08(4)(p)			
	730 CMR 7.08(4)(q)			
	730 CMR 7.08(4)(r)			
	730 CMR 7.08(4)(s)			
	730 CMR 7.08(4)(t)			
	730 CMR 7.08(4)(u)			
	730 CMR 7.08(4)(v)			
<b>Traffic, Operation, and Safety: Vehicle Operation</b>	730 CMR 7.08(5)(a)	Careless or negligent operation Negligent loading	\$50 \$50	\$500 \$100
	730 CMR 7.08(5)(b)	Reasonable and proper speed Operating at dangerous speed	\$50 \$50	\$50 \$500
	730 CMR 7.08(6)(a)	Maximum speed Minimum speed	Note 3 \$20	Note 3 \$20
	730 CMR 7.08(6)(b)	Improper entry to a way Crossing solid pavement markings	\$50 \$50 \$100	\$100 \$100 \$100
	730 CMR 7.08(6)(c)	Unauthorized use of breakdown lane	\$50	\$100
	730 CMR 7.08(7)	Unauthorized or dangerous crossing	\$50 \$100	\$100 \$100
	730 CMR 7.08(8)	of median or other area	\$100	\$100
	730 CMR 7.08(9)	Unauthorized use of cross-over		
	730 CMR 7.08(10)(a)	Entry into restricted area - general	\$100 \$100	\$100 \$100
	730 CMR 7.08(10)(b)	Entry into restricted area - left lane restrictions	\$100 -	\$100 \$100
	730 CMR 7.08(11)(a)	Construction zone - excess speed (Note 5)	\$100	-
	730 CMR 7.08(11)(b)	Construction zone - entry into excluded area	\$100	\$100
	730 CMR 7.08(12)(a)	Construction zone - careless operation	\$100 \$100	\$100 \$100
	730 CMR 7.08(12)(b)	Keeping to the right when overtaking another vehicle - Tunnels	\$50 \$50 \$25	\$100 \$100 \$25
	730 CMR 7.08(12)(c)	Keeping to the right when overtaking another vehicle - non-Tunnels	\$50	\$50
	730 CMR	Care in passing another vehicle	-	\$500

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	7.08(13)(a)	Space between vehicles		
	730 CMR	Coasting	\$35	\$35
	7.08(13)(b)	Stopping, standing, or parking	\$35	\$35
	730 CMR 7.08(14)	Backing and U-turns prohibited	-	\$50
	730 CMR 7.08(15)	Failure to use care in stopping or turning - hand signals	\$35	-
	730 CMR 7.08(16)	Repair or removal of disabled vehicle	\$50	\$100
	730 CMR	prohibited	\$50	\$50
	7.08(17)(a)	Failure to respond to over-height alarm	\$100	\$100
	730 CMR		\$500	\$500
	7.08(17)(b)	Improper use of cutouts	\$50	\$50
	730 CMR	Improper use of horn	\$35	\$35
	7.08(17)(c)	Improper use of headlights - Tunnels	\$75	\$75
	730 CMR 7.08(18)	Improper use of headlights - non-Tunnels	\$150	\$150
	730 CMR 7.08(19)	Adequate fuel or energy supply	Note 4	Note 4
	730 CMR 7.08(20)	Disposal of waste - minor		
	730 CMR 7.08(21)	Disposal of waste - major		
	730 CMR	Defacing property		
	7.08(22)(a)	Failure to display inspection sticker		
	730 CMR	Inadequate equipment		
	7.08(22)(b)	1 <sup>st</sup> Offense		
		2 <sup>nd</sup> Offense		
	730 CMR 7.08(23)	3 <sup>rd</sup> and subsequent Offense		
	730 CMR	within		
	7.08(24)(a)	any 12 month period		
	730 CMR	Idling		
	7.08(24)(b)			
	730 CMR 7.08(25)			
	730 CMR 7.08(26)			
	730 CMR 7.08(27)			
	730 CMR 7.08(28)			
<b>Transportation of Cargo</b>	730 CMR 7.08(29)	Transportation of alcoholic beverages	\$100	\$100
	730 CMR 7.08(30)		\$100	\$100
	730 CMR 7.08(31)	Inspection and examination of cargo	\$100	\$100
	730 CMR 7.08(32)		\$50	\$50
	730 CMR 7.09	Interstate transportation Operator's record of duty status Motor Carrier Safety Act	\$50	\$50
<b>Hazardous Materials</b>	730 CMR 7.10(1)	Hazardous Materials - Tunnels	-	\$500
	730 CMR 7.10(2)	Hazardous Materials - non-Tunnels	\$500	-
<b>Repair and Removal of Vehicles</b>	730 CMR 7.11(1)(a)	Unauthorized repair to disabled vehicle - Tunnels	-	\$25
		Removal of disabled vehicle - Tunnels	-	\$25
	730 CMR 7.11(1)(b)		\$25	-
	730 CMR 7.11(2)(a)	Inappropriate repair of disabled vehicle - non-Tunnels	\$25	-
		Removal of disabled vehicle - non-Tunnels		
	730 CMR 7.11(2)(b)			

Note 1: The fine for a violation of 730 CMR 7.04(1)(a) or 730 CMR 7.04(1)(b) or 730 CMR 7.03(10) is specified in 730 CMR 7.12(3)(b).

Note 2: The fine for exceeding the permissible weight is specified in 730 CMR 7.12(3)(c).

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Note 3: The fine for exceeding the maximum speed limit is specified in 730 CMR 7.12(3)(d).

Note 4: The fine for idling is determined according to the provisions of M.G.L. c. 90, § 16A.

Note 5: The fine for speeding in a construction zone may be doubled in accordance with M.G.L. c. 90, § 17 and 730 CMR 7.08(12).

(b) Fines for Toll Violations. The fine for a violation of 730 CMR 7.04(1)(a), 730 CMR 7.04(1)(b), or 730 CMR 7.03(10), shall be \$50. Late payment fees may be assessed in accordance with 730 CMR 7.03(12) and 730 CMR 7.04(5).

(c) Fines for Over-weight Vehicles. Any operator who operates a vehicle, or any owner or bailee who requires or allows the operation of a vehicle, in violation of 730 CMR 7.05(5)(h) is subject to a fine of not less than \$40.00 for each 1,000 pounds of weight or fraction thereof by which the vehicle weight of the vehicle as operated exceeds the maximum vehicle weight for a vehicle of its type as specified in 730 CMR 7.00: *Table 2*, or by a special permit that the Authority issued for the vehicle for such operation, whichever is greater; provided, further, that, if the total of the excess weight is greater than 10,000 pounds, the rate of the fine is not less than \$80.00 for each 1,000 pounds or fraction thereof over 10,000 pounds.

(d) Fines for Speeding. Any individual convicted of a violation of the maximum speed limit in violation of 730 CMR 7.08(6)(c) is subject to punishment by a fine of not less than \$ 50.00. Where such conviction is for operating a motor vehicle at a rate of speed exceeding ten miles per hour over the speed limit, an additional fine of \$10.00 for each mile per hour in excess of the ten miles per hour is assessed, to a maximum fine of \$500.00.

(e) Fines for Other Violations. Whoever violates any provision of 730 CMR 7.00 not listed in 730 CMR 7.00: *Table 10* is subject to a fine not exceeding \$500.00 for every such offense.

(4) Parking Violations. The fines established in 730 CMR 7.12(3) shall be due and payable as prescribed by M.G.L. c. 90, § 20A, including the provision therein for late payment and failure to pay such fines, and in conformance with the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority Parking Management Program Policies and Procedures. Payment of parking violation fines and penalties as well as parking violation appeals will be made to the Parking Clerk. Unpaid parking violations will be reported to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles by the Parking Clerk, for motor vehicles registered in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. For motor vehicles registered outside of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, unpaid violations will be reported to the official in charge of the registration of motor vehicles in the state where the vehicle is registered.

REGULATORY AUTHORITY 730 CMR 7.00: M.G.L. c. 81A, § 4(k).