

## Michigan Points Schedule and the Driver Responsibility Law:

Riding season is getting into full swing, and as motorcyclists, we are at risk of being stopped for any number of traffic infractions and misdemeanor driving offenses. For anyone interested in knowing more about the point system / driver responsibility law, here is some of that information summarized for you below.

Most traffic violation accrue points. Some common point values include:

Speeding	2-5 points
Careless driving	3 points
Disobey stop sign/signal	3 points
Improper turn	2 points
Drive left of center (over center line)	2 points
Improper lane use	2 points
Improper passing	2 points
Driving w/o proper endorsement	2 points
Expired license	2 points

However, there are more far reaching consequences to paying a ticket besides the original fine. Michigan driver responsibility law assesses a fee **TWO YEARS IN A ROW** for excessive points and also for certain types of offenses. While not a comprehensive list, a few examples are listed below of the impact of these laws.

7 points = \$100.00 fee for each of **TWO YEARS**, with \$50.00 for each extra point up to:

18 points = \$650.00 fee for each of **TWO YEARS!**

ALSO, "qualifying offenses" are assessed **UP TO \$1,000 x TWO YEARS!** For example:

Driving without proper endorsement: \$150 x 2 years

Expires license \$150 x 2 years

No proof of insurance \$200 x 2 years

Driving while license suspended \$500 x 2 years

Operating while impaired \$500 x 2 years

Driving while intoxicated \$1,000 x 2 years

These fees are in addition to fines and costs imposed by the court. Failure to pay them will result in your license being suspended. Then an additional fee of \$125 is required to have you license reinstated after paying the fees due.