

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2019-2020 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

June 19, 2019

Introduced by Sen. RAMOS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to the operation or riding upon a bicycle with electric assist by persons under the age of sixteen

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 1242 of the vehicle and traffic
2 law, as added by a chapter of the laws of 2019, amending the vehicle and
3 traffic law relating to bicycles with electric assist and electric
4 scooters, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 5294-A and A.
5 7431-B, is amended to read as follows:
6 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of section twelve hundred thirty-
7 eight of this article, no person less than sixteen years of age shall
8 operate or ride as a passenger upon a bicycle with electric assist
9 unless such passenger is wearing a helmet meeting standards established
10 by the commissioner and such passenger is placed in a separate seat
11 attached to the bicycle with electric assist, and no person sixteen
12 years of age or older shall allow any person less than sixteen years of
13 age to operate or ride as a passenger upon such bicycle unless such
14 passenger is wearing a helmet meeting standards established by the
15 commissioner and such passenger is placed in a separate seat attached to
16 the bicycle with electric assist. The provisions of subdivision seven of
17 section twelve hundred thirty-eight of this article shall be applicable
18 to this subdivision. Provided, however, that no person less than
19 sixteen years of age shall operate or ride as a passenger upon a class
20 three bicycle with electric assist, and provided that no person operat-
21 ing a class one or class two bicycle with electric assist shall allow a
22 person who is under one year of age to ride as a passenger on a bicycle
23 nor shall such person be carried in a pack fastened to the operator.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 § 2. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same
2 manner as section 5 of a chapter of the laws of 2019, amending the vehi-
3 cle and traffic law relating to bicycles with electric assist and elec-
4 tric scooters, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 5294-A and A.
5 7431-B, takes effect.