

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. FELDER -- 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 requiring license plates for bicycles, bicycles for electric assist and electric scooters

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

1 Section 1. The article heading of article 34 of the vehicle and traf-
2 fic law, as amended by chapter 694 of the laws of 1995, is amended to
3 read as follows:

4 REGISTRATION AND OPERATION OF BICYCLES AND PLAY DEVICES

5 § 2. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new section
6 1244 to read as follows:

7 § 1244. Registration of bicycles, bicycles with electric assist, and
8 electric scooters. a. In a city having a population of one million or
9 more, every bicycle as defined in section 102 of this chapter, bicycle
10 with electric assist as defined in section 102-c of this chapter and
11 electric scooter as defined in section 114-e of this chapter shall be
12 registered and issued a license plate by the department. In a city
13 having a population of one million or more, no person shall operate a
14 bicycle, bicycle with electric assist or electric scooter on the public
15 highways unless such bicycle, bicycle with electric assist or electric
16 scooter shall have a distinctive number assigned to it by the commis-
17 sioner and a number plate issued by the commissioner with a number
18 corresponding to that of the certificate of registration.

19 b. Such license plates shall be of such material, form, design and
20 dimensions and contain or set forth such distinguishing number or other
21 identification marks as the commissioner shall prescribe, provided,
22 however, that there shall be at all times a marked contrast between the
23 color of the number plates and that of the numerals or letters thereon,
24 and provided further that no bicycle, bicycle with electric assist or

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

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1 electric scooter shall display the number plates of more than one state
2 at a time, nor shall any plate be used other than those issued by the
3 commissioner.

4 c. Each such license plate shall identify whether the bicycle, bicycle
5 with electric assist or electric scooter is personal or commercial in
6 nature.

7 d. Each such license plate shall be conspicuously displayed on the
8 rear of the bicycle, bicycle with electric assist or electric scooter,
9 securely fastened so as to prevent the same from swinging.

10 e. The fee for such license plates shall be a nominal fee determined
11 by the commissioner.

12 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.