STATE OF NEW YORK

10226

IN ASSEMBLY

February 12, 2026

Introduced by M. of A. EACHUS -- read once and referred to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to requiring certain information to be provided at the point of sale of bicycles with electric assist and electric scooters

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

Section 1. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new section 1244 to read as follows:

§ 1244. Informational materials relating to the operation of bicycles with electric assist. 1. The commissioner, in consultation with the commissioner of transportation, shall create informational materials relating to the operation of bicycles with electric assist. Such informational materials shall be in the form of a card or pamphlet and shall include, but need not be limited to, information relating to:

(a) classifications of bicycles with electric assist, including descriptions of each class of bicycle with electric assist;

(b) the maximum speed at which bicycles with electric assist may be operated. Such information shall specify the maximum speed of each class of such bicycles;

(c) where operation of bicycles with electric assist is permitted, including specific information relating to the operation or prohibition of the operation of bicycles with electric assist on streets, bicycle lanes, and paths;

(d) age restrictions for operating or being a passenger on bicycles with electric assist;

(e) helmet requirements for operating or being a passenger on bicycles with electric assist;

(f) penalties for unlawful operation of bicycles with electric assist;

(g) local authority relating to the operation of bicycles with electric assist. Such information shall provide guidance as to where purchasers of bicycles with electric assist can find local laws, ordinances, rules or regulations relating to the operation of such bicycles; and

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

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(h) such other information as the commissioner deems useful.

2. The card or pamphlet created pursuant to subdivision one of this section shall be provided to each purchaser at the point of sale of every bicycle with electric assist sold in the state. In addition to the information required pursuant to subdivision one of this section, the card or pamphlet may also include a QR code linking to such information and any additional information the commissioner deems useful pertaining to the safe operation of bicycles with electric assist.

§ 2. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new section 1290 to read as follows:

§ 1290. Informational materials relating to the operation of electric scooters. 1. The commissioner, in consultation with the commissioner of transportation, shall create informational materials relating to the operation of electric scooters. Such informational materials shall be in the form of a card or pamphlet and shall include, but need not be limited to, information relating to:

(a) the definition of electric scooters;

(b) the maximum speed at which electric scooters may be operated. Such information shall specify the maximum speed of electric scooters;

(c) where operation of electric scooters is permitted, including specific information relating to the operation or prohibition of the operation of electric scooters on streets, bicycle lanes, and paths;

(d) age restrictions for operating or being a passenger on electric scooters;

(e) helmet requirements for operating or being a passenger on electric scooters;

(f) penalties for unlawful operation of electric scooters;

(g) local authority relating to the operation of electric scooters. Such information shall provide guidance as to where purchasers of electric scooters can find local laws, ordinances, rules or regulations relating to the operation of such electric scooters; and

(h) such other information as the commissioner deems useful.

2. The card or pamphlet created pursuant to subdivision one of this section shall be provided to each purchaser at the point of sale of every electric scooter sold in the state. In addition to the information required pursuant to subdivision one of this section, the card or pamphlet may also include a QR code linking to such information and any additional information the commissioner deems useful pertaining to the safe operation of electric scooters.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.