STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

January 21, 2025

Introduced by Sen. ADDABBO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Transportation -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to requiring bicycles with electric assist and electric scooters in certain cities be registered with the department of motor vehicles

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

Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as "Priscilla's law".

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

§ 1244. Registration of bicycles with electric assist. 1. In a city of one million or more, every bicycle with electric assist as defined in section one hundred two-c of this chapter shall be registered and issued a number plate by the department. No person shall operate a bicycle with electric assist unless such bicycle with electric assist shall have a distinctive number assigned to it by the commissioner and a number plate issued by the commissioner with a number corresponding to that of the certificate of registration.

2. Such number plates shall be of such material, form, design and dimensions and contain or set forth such distinguishing number or other identification marks as the commissioner shall prescribe, provided, however, that there shall be at all times a marked contrast between the color of the number plates and that of the numerals or letters thereon.

3. Each such number plate shall be conspicuously displayed on the rear of the bicycle, securely fastened so as to prevent the same from swinging.

4. The fee for such number plates shall be determined by the commissioner.

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

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5. Where there is a violation of this section, the fine for such violation shall be determined by the commissioner.

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

§ 1290. Registration of electric scooters. 1. In a city of one million or more, every electric scooter as defined in section one hundred fourteen-e of this chapter shall be registered and issued a number plate by the department. No person shall operate an electric scooter unless such device shall have a distinctive number assigned to it by the commissioner and a number plate issued by the commissioner with a number corresponding to that of the certificate of registration.

2. Such number plates shall be of such material, form, design and dimensions and contain or set forth such distinguishing number or other identification marks as the commissioner shall prescribe, provided, however, that there shall be at all times a marked contrast between the color of the number plates and that of the numerals or letters thereon.

3. Each such number plate shall be conspicuously displayed on the rear of the electric scooter, securely fastened so as to prevent the same from swinging.

4. The fee for such number plates shall be determined by the commissioner.

5. Where there is a violation of this section, the fine for such violation shall be determined by the commissioner.

§ 4. This act shall take effect immediately.