STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

March 5, 2026

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

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to requiring all persons less than sixteen years of age to provide proof of age for the purchase of bicycles with electric assist, electric scooters, and motor-driven cycles

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

Section 1. Section 1242 of the vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding two new subdivisions 14 and 15 to read as follows:

14. No person, firm, association or corporation engaged in the business of selling bicycles with electric assist shall sell any bicycle with electric assist to any person less than sixteen years of age. Valid proof of age shall be required at the point of purchase.

15. No person shall purchase a bicycle with electric assist that can exceed twenty-eight miles per hour unless such purchaser is a holder of a valid class D, DJ, M or MJ license at the point of purchase.

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

§ 1290. Additional provisions applicable to electric scooters. 1. No person, firm, association or corporation engaged in the business of selling electric scooters shall sell an electric scooter to any person less than sixteen years of age. Valid proof of age shall be required at the point of purchase.

2. No person shall purchase an electric scooter that can exceed twenty-eight miles per hour unless such purchaser is a holder of a valid class D, DJ, M or MJ license at the point of purchase.

§ 3. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new section 123-a to read as follows:

§ 123-a. Motor-driven cycle. Every motor-driven cycle having:

(a) a seat or saddle for the use of the operator;

(b) two or three wheels in contact with the ground;

(c) an internal combustion engine, or electric, solar or hybrid motor which will propel the motor-driven cycle unassisted at a maximum speed

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

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no greater than thirty miles per hour. If such motor-driven cycle is equipped with an internal combustion engine, such engine's piston or rotor displacement shall not exceed fifty cubic centimeters. A motor-driven cycle shall be a limited use motorcycle or motorcycle when operated at speeds in excess of thirty miles per hour; and

(d) a direct or automatic power drive system which requires no clutch or gear shift operation by the operator after the drive system is engaged with the engine or motor.

§ 4. The article heading of article 34 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 694 of the laws of 1995, is amended and a new section 1244 is added to read as follows:

OPERATION OF BICYCLES [~~AND~~], PLAY DEVICES AND MOTOR-DRIVEN CYCLES

§ 1244. Motor-driven cycle provisions. 1. No person, firm, association or corporation engaged in the business of selling motor-driven cycles shall sell a motor-driven cycle to any person less than sixteen years of age. Valid proof of age shall be required at the point of purchase.

2. No person shall purchase a motor-driven cycle that can exceed twenty-eight miles per hour unless such purchaser is a holder of a valid class D, DJ, M or MJ license at the point of purchase.

§ 5. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such date.