

# 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:

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

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

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

10 § 2. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new section  
11 1290 to read as follows:

12 § 1290. Additional provisions applicable to electric scooters. 1. No  
13 person, firm, association or corporation engaged in the business of  
14 selling electric scooters shall sell an electric scooter to any person  
15 less than sixteen years of age. Valid proof of age shall be required at  
16 the point of purchase.

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

20 § 3. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new section  
21 123-a to read as follows:

22 § 123-a. Motor-driven cycle. Every motor-driven cycle having:  
23 (a) a seat or saddle for the use of the operator;  
24 (b) two or three wheels in contact with the ground;  
25 (c) an internal combustion engine, or electric, solar or hybrid motor  
26 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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1 no greater than thirty miles per hour. If such motor-driven cycle is  
2 equipped with an internal combustion engine, such engine's piston or  
3 rotor displacement shall not exceed fifty cubic centimeters. A motor-  
4 driven cycle shall be a limited use motorcycle or motorcycle when oper-  
5 ated at speeds in excess of thirty miles per hour; and

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

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

12 OPERATION OF BICYCLES [~~AND~~], PLAY DEVICES

13 AND MOTOR-DRIVEN CYCLES

14 § 1244. Motor-driven cycle provisions. 1. No person, firm, association  
15 or corporation engaged in the business of selling motor-driven cycles  
16 shall sell a motor-driven cycle to any person less than sixteen years of  
17 age. Valid proof of age shall be required at the point of purchase.

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

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