STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

April 6, 2026

Introduced by Sens. SEPULVEDA, ADDABBO -- 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 increasing the penalties for leaving the scene of an accident involving an electric scooter without reporting in the first and second degrees and creating the offenses of leaving the scene of an accident involving a bicycle with electric assist without reporting in the first and second degrees

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

Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 1287 of the vehicle and traffic law, as added by section 10 of part XX of chapter 58 of the laws of 2020, is amended to read as follows:

2. Leaving the scene of an incident involving an electric scooter without reporting in the second degree is a [~~violation~~] **class A misdemeanor**.

§ 2. Subdivision 2 of section 1288 of the vehicle and traffic law, as added by section 10 of part XX of chapter 58 of the laws of 2020, is amended to read as follows:

2. Leaving the scene of an incident involving an electric scooter without reporting in the first degree is a class [~~B misdemeanor~~] **E felony**.

§ 3. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding two new sections 1244 and 1245 to read as follows:

§ 1244. Leaving the scene of an incident involving a bicycle with electric assist without reporting in the second degree. 1. Any person eighteen years or older operating a bicycle with electric assist who, knowing or having cause to know, that physical injury, as defined in subdivision nine of section 10.00 of the penal law, has been caused to another person, due to the operation of such bicycle with electric assist by such person, shall, before leaving the place where the said physical injury occurred, stop, and provide their name and residence, including street and street number, to the injured party, then such

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

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person shall report said incident as soon as physically able to the nearest police station or judicial officer.

2. Leaving the scene of an incident involving a bicycle with electric assist without reporting in the second degree is a class A misdemeanor.

§ 1245. Leaving the scene of an incident involving a bicycle with electric assist without reporting in the first degree. 1. Any person age eighteen years or older operating a bicycle with electric assist who, knowing or having cause to know, that serious physical injury, as defined in subdivision ten of section 10.00 of the penal law, has been caused to another person, due to the operation of such bicycle with electric assist by such person, shall, before leaving the place where the said serious physical injury occurred, stop, and provide their name and residence, including street and street number, to the injured party, if practical, and also to a police officer, or in the event that no police officer is in the vicinity of the place of said injury, then such person shall report said incident as soon as physically able to the nearest police station or judicial officer.

2. Leaving the scene of an incident involving a bicycle with electric assist without reporting in the first degree is a class E felony.

§ 4. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth 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 effective date.