

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN ASSEMBLY

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

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to requiring bicycles with electric assist and electric scooters used in deliveries 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:

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

3 § 1244. Registration of bicycles with electric assist used in deliv-  
4 eries. 1. In a city of one million or more, every bicycle with electric  
5 assist as defined in section one hundred two-c of this chapter which is  
6 used by a person to make commercial deliveries, either as an employee or  
7 as an independent contractor, shall be registered and issued a number  
8 plate by the department. No person shall use a bicycle with electric  
9 assist in such city for the purpose of making commercial deliveries  
10 unless such bicycle with electric assist shall have a distinctive number  
11 assigned to it by the commissioner and a number plate issued by the  
12 commissioner with a number corresponding to that of the certificate of  
13 registration.

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

19 3. Each such number plate shall be conspicuously displayed on the rear  
20 of the bicycle, securely fastened so as to prevent the same from swing-  
21 ing.

22 4. A fee of up to twenty-five dollars for such number plates may be  
23 charged by the commissioner. Such fee shall be paid by the company which  
24 employs or contracts with the owner or operator of the bicycle with

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

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1 electric assist to make deliveries of their goods, products or services.  
2 A company which is a third-party delivery platform through which the  
3 delivery of products or services are arranged shall be responsible for  
4 the fee for the number plates under this section for each delivery  
5 person it contracts with. Where an owner or operator of a bicycle with  
6 electric assist is employed by or contracts with more than one company  
7 or third-party delivery platform the commissioner shall prorate the  
8 costs and refund each company or platform a portion of such cost.

9 5. Number plates shall be renewed every five years. Where an owner or  
10 operator of a bicycle with electric assist terminates employment or  
11 ceases their contractual arrangement with a third-party delivery plat-  
12 form, such person shall notify the department within ninety days.

13 6. A fine of five hundred dollars shall be imposed upon any company  
14 which employs or contracts with the owner or operator of the bicycle  
15 with electric assist which fails to register in violation of this  
16 section.

17 § 2. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new section  
18 1290 to read as follows:

19 § 1290. Registration of electric scooters used in deliveries. 1. In a  
20 city of one million or more, every electric scooter as defined in  
21 section one hundred fourteen-e of this chapter which is used by a person  
22 to make commercial deliveries, either as an employee or as an independ-  
23 ent contractor, shall be registered and issued a number plate by the  
24 department. No person shall use an electric scooter in such city for the  
25 purpose of making commercial deliveries unless such electric scooter  
26 shall have a distinctive number assigned to it by the commissioner and a  
27 number plate issued by the commissioner with a number corresponding to  
28 that of the certificate of registration.

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

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

37 4. A fee of up to twenty-five dollars for such number plates may be  
38 charged by the commissioner. Such fee shall be paid by the company  
39 which employs or contracts with the owner or operator of the electric  
40 scooter to make deliveries of their goods, products or services. A  
41 company which is a third-party delivery platform through which the  
42 delivery of products or services are arranged shall be responsible for  
43 the fee for the number plates under this section for each delivery  
44 person it contracts with. Where an owner or operator of an electric  
45 scooter is employed by or contracts with more than one company or third-  
46 party delivery platform the commissioner shall prorate the costs and  
47 refund each company or platform a portion of such cost.

48 5. Number plates shall be renewed every five years. Where an owner or  
49 operator of an electric scooter terminates employment or ceases their  
50 contractual arrangement with a third-party delivery platform, such  
51 person shall notify the department within ninety days.

52 6. A fine of five hundred dollars shall be imposed upon any company  
53 which employs or contracts with the owner or operator of an electric  
54 scooter which fails to register in violation of this section.

55 § 3. This act shall take effect one year after it shall have become a  
56 law.