

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

April 22, 2026

Introduced by Sen. 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 requiring certain information to be provided at the point of sale of bicycles with electric assist and electric scooters

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. Informational materials relating to the operation of bicycles
4 with electric assist. 1. The commissioner, in consultation with the
5 commissioner of transportation, shall create informational materials
6 relating to the operation of bicycles with electric assist. Such infor-
7 mational materials shall be in the form of a card or pamphlet and shall
8 include, but need not be limited to, information relating to:

9 (a) classifications of bicycles with electric assist, including
10 descriptions of each class of bicycle with electric assist;

11 (b) the maximum speed at which bicycles with electric assist may be
12 operated. Such information shall specify the maximum speed of each
13 class of such bicycles;

14 (c) where operation of bicycles with electric assist is permitted,
15 including specific information relating to the operation or prohibition
16 of the operation of bicycles with electric assist on streets, bicycle
17 lanes, and paths;

18 (d) age restrictions for operating or being a passenger on bicycles
19 with electric assist;

20 (e) helmet requirements for operating or being a passenger on bicycles
21 with electric assist;

22 (f) penalties for unlawful operation of bicycles with electric assist;

23 (g) local authority relating to the operation of bicycles with elec-
24 tric assist. Such information shall provide guidance as to where
25 purchasers of bicycles with electric assist can find local laws, ordi-
26 nances, rules or regulations relating to the operation of such bicycles;
27 and

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

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1 (h) such other information as the commissioner deems useful.

2 2. The card or pamphlet created pursuant to subdivision one of this
3 section shall be provided to each purchaser at the point of sale of
4 every bicycle with electric assist sold in the state. In addition to the
5 information required pursuant to subdivision one of this section, the
6 card or pamphlet may also include a QR code linking to such information
7 and any additional information the commissioner deems useful pertaining
8 to the safe operation of bicycles with electric assist.

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

11 § 1290. Informational materials relating to the operation of electric
12 scooters. 1. The commissioner, in consultation with the commissioner of
13 transportation, shall create informational materials relating to the
14 operation of electric scooters. Such informational materials shall be in
15 the form of a card or pamphlet and shall include, but need not be limit-
16 ed to, information relating to:

17 (a) the definition of electric scooters;

18 (b) the maximum speed at which electric scooters may be operated. Such
19 information shall specify the maximum speed of electric scooters;

20 (c) where operation of electric scooters is permitted, including
21 specific information relating to the operation or prohibition of the
22 operation of electric scooters on streets, bicycle lanes, and paths;

23 (d) age restrictions for operating or being a passenger on electric
24 scooters;

25 (e) helmet requirements for operating or being a passenger on electric
26 scooters;

27 (f) penalties for unlawful operation of electric scooters;

28 (g) local authority relating to the operation of electric scooters.
29 Such information shall provide guidance as to where purchasers of elec-
30 tric scooters can find local laws, ordinances, rules or regulations
31 relating to the operation of such electric scooters; and

32 (h) such other information as the commissioner deems useful.

33 2. The card or pamphlet created pursuant to subdivision one of this
34 section shall be provided to each purchaser at the point of sale of
35 every electric scooter sold in the state. In addition to the information
36 required pursuant to subdivision one of this section, the card or
37 pamphlet may also include a QR code linking to such information and any
38 additional information the commissioner deems useful pertaining to the
39 safe operation of electric scooters.

40 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.