

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 bicycles with electric assist and electric scooters 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. 1. Every bicy-
4 cle with electric assist as defined in section one hundred two-c of this
5 chapter shall be registered and issued a number plate by the department.
6 No person shall operate a bicycle with electric assist unless such bicy-
7 cle with electric assist shall have a distinctive number assigned to it
8 by the commissioner and a number plate issued by the commissioner with a
9 number corresponding to that of the certificate of registration.

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

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

18 4. The fee for such number plates shall be determined by the commis-
19 sioner.

20 5. Where there is a violation of this section, the fine for such
21 violation shall be determined by the commissioner.

22 § 2. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new section
23 1290 to read as follows:

24 § 1290. Registration of electric scooters. 1. Every electric scooter
25 as defined in section one hundred fourteen-e of this chapter shall be
26 registered and issued a number plate by the department. No person shall
27 operate an electric scooter unless such device shall have a distinctive

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

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3 of registration.

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5 dimensions and contain or set forth such distinguishing number or other
6 identification marks as the commissioner shall prescribe, provided,
7 however, that there shall be at all times a marked contrast between the
8 color of the number plates and that of the numerals or letters thereon.

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

12 4. The fee for such number plates shall be determined by the commis-
13 sioner.

14 5. Where there is a violation of this section, the fine for such
15 violation shall be determined by the commissioner.

16 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.