

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 Codes

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to requiring the division of criminal justice to create and disseminate to police departments a video on 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. Section 837 of the executive law is amended by adding a new
2 subdivision 25 to read as follows:

3 25. In cooperation with the department of motor vehicles and the
4 department of transportation, create and disseminate to police depart-
5 ments a video on bicycles with electric assist and electric scooters.
6 Such video shall include, but not be limited to, the following informa-
7 tion:

8 (a) legal classification and definitions of bicycles with electric
9 assist and electric scooters, including a visual breakdown of classes of
10 bicycles with electric assist and scooters, and common misidentification
11 issues, such as throttle versus pedal-assist;

12 (b) where such devices may legally operate, including addressing oper-
13 ation on streets, bicycle lanes, and sidewalks, in parks and on shared-
14 use paths, and local opt-out rules;

15 (c) speed limits and enforcement guidance, including when speed meas-
16 urement is required versus when observational enforcement is permissible
17 and the legal importance of speed versus the practical importance;

18 (d) helmet and age requirements, including when stops or the issuing
19 of a summons is appropriate and when warnings or education is preferred;
20 and

21 (e) a review of legal operation of such devices, including riding in
22 bicycle lanes, using pedal-assist, and lawful devices operating without
23 registration or insurance.

24 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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