

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

February 11, 2025

Introduced by Sen. CLEARE -- 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 batteries for bicycles with electric assist and electric scooters to be tested and approved by certain testing laboratories

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

1 Section 1. Section 1242 of the vehicle and traffic law is amended by  
2 adding a new subdivision 14 to read as follows:

3 14. Every bicycle with electric assist shall be equipped with a  
4 battery that has been tested and approved by and that contains the seal  
5 of the Underwriters Laboratories, or any testing laboratory that is an  
6 International Organization for Standardization and International Elec-  
7 trotechnical Commission ("ISO/IEC") 17025 Accredited Independent Testing  
8 Laboratory, an ISO/IEC 17065 Accredited Certifying Body, or participates  
9 in the United States Department of Labor Occupational Safety and Health  
10 Administration Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory ("NRTL")  
11 program.

12 § 2. Section 1285 of the vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding  
13 a new subdivision 4 to read as follows:

14 4. Every electric scooter shall be equipped with a battery that has  
15 been tested and approved by and that contains the seal of the Underwrit-  
16 ers Laboratories, or any testing laboratory that is an International  
17 Organization for Standardization and International Electrotechnical  
18 Commission ("ISO/IEC") 17025 Accredited Independent Testing Laboratory,  
19 an ISO/IEC 17065 Accredited Certifying Body, or participates in the  
20 United States Department of Labor Occupational Safety and Health Admin-  
21 istration Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory ("NRTL") program.

22 § 3. 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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