

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

January 20, 2026

Introduced by Sen. C. RYAN -- 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 manufacturers providing bicycles with electric assist and electric scooters with lights

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. No manufacturer engaged in the business of shipping bicycles with  
4 electric assist in New York state shall ship any bicycle with electric  
5 assist unless such bicycle with electric assist has permanently affixed  
6 thereto, a lamp on the front which shall emit a white light visible  
7 during hours of darkness from a distance of at least five hundred feet  
8 to the front and with a red or amber light visible to the rear for three  
9 hundred feet. At least one of such lights shall be visible for two  
10 hundred feet from each side.

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

13 4. No manufacturer of electric scooters shall ship any such electric  
14 scooters in New York state that are not equipped with a lamp and red  
15 light as required under subdivision one of this section.

16 § 3. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall  
17 have become a law.

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

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