STATE OF NEW YORK

8948--A

IN SENATE

January 20, 2026

Introduced by Sens. C. RYAN, ADDABBO, ZELLNER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Transportation -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to equipping 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:

Section 1. Subdivision 11 of section 1242 of the vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new paragraph (c) to read as follows:

(c) No person, firm, association or corporation engaged in the business of selling or leasing bicycles with electric assist shall sell or lease any bicycle with electric assist unless such bicycle with electric assist is equipped with a lamp on the front which shall emit a white light visible during hours of darkness from a distance of at least five hundred feet to the front and with a red or amber light visible to the rear for three hundred feet. Provided, however, at least one of such lights shall be visible for two hundred feet from each side.

§ 2. Subdivision 9 of section 1282 of the vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new paragraph (c) to read as follows:

(c) No person, firm, association or corporation engaged in the business of selling or leasing electric scooters shall sell or lease any electric scooter unless such electric scooter is equipped with a lamp on the front which shall emit a white light visible during hours of darkness from a distance of at least five hundred feet to the front and with a red light visible to the rear for three hundred feet. Provided, however, at least one of such lights shall be visible for two hundred feet from each side.

§ 3. This act shall take effect one year after it shall have become a law.

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

LBD13941-05-6