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SYNOPSIS

Regulates motorized bicycles.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning the requirements for operating motorized
2 bicycles, amending various parts of the statutory law, and
3 supplementing Title 39 of the Revised Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
6 *of New Jersey:*

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8 1. R.S.39:1-1 is amended to read as follows:

9 39:1-1. As used in this subtitle, unless other meaning is clearly
10 apparent from the language or context, or unless inconsistent with
11 the manifest intention of the Legislature:

12 "Alley" means a public highway wherein the roadway does not
13 exceed 12 feet in width.

14 "Authorized emergency vehicles" means vehicles of the fire
15 department, police vehicles and such ambulances and other vehicles
16 as are approved by the chief administrator when operated in
17 response to an emergency call.

18 "Autocycle" means a three-wheeled motorcycle designed to be
19 controlled with a steering wheel and pedals in which the operator
20 and passenger may ride in a completely or partially enclosed seating
21 area that is equipped with a roll cage or roll hoops, safety seat belts
22 for each occupant, and anti-lock brakes.

23 "Automobile" includes all motor vehicles except motorcycles.

24 "Berm" means that portion of the highway exclusive of roadway
25 and shoulder, bordering the shoulder but not to be used for
26 vehicular travel.

27 "Business district" means that portion of a highway and the
28 territory contiguous thereto, where within any 600 feet along such
29 highway there are buildings in use for business or industrial
30 purposes, including but not limited to hotels, banks, office
31 buildings, railroad stations, and public buildings which occupy at
32 least 300 feet of frontage on one side or 300 feet collectively on
33 both sides of the roadway.

34 "Car pool" means two or more persons commuting on a daily
35 basis to and from work by means of a vehicle with a seating
36 capacity of nine passengers or less.

37 "Chief Administrator" or "Administrator" means the Chief
38 Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission.

39 "Commercial motor vehicle" includes every type of motor-driven
40 vehicle used for commercial purposes on the highways, such as the
41 transportation of goods, wares and merchandise, excepting such
42 vehicles as are run only upon rails or tracks and vehicles of the
43 passenger car type used for touring purposes or the carrying of farm
44 products and milk, as the case may be.

45 "Commission" means the New Jersey Motor Vehicle
46 Commission established by section 4 of P.L.2003, c.13 (C.39:2A-
47 4).

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Transportation of
2 this State.

3 "Commuter van" means a motor vehicle having a seating
4 capacity of not less than seven nor more than 15 adult passengers,
5 in which seven or more persons commute on a daily basis to and
6 from work and which vehicle may also be operated by the driver or
7 other designated persons for their personal use.

8 "Crosswalk" means that part of a highway at an intersection,
9 either marked or unmarked existing at each approach of every
10 roadway intersection, included within the connections of the lateral
11 lines of the sidewalks on opposite sides of the highway measured
12 from the curbs or, in the absence of curbs, from the edges of the
13 shoulder, or, if none, from the edges of the roadway; also, any
14 portion of a highway at an intersection or elsewhere distinctly
15 indicated for pedestrian crossing by lines or other marking on the
16 surface.

17 "Curb extension" or "bulbout" means a horizontal extension of
18 the sidewalk into the street which results in a narrower roadway
19 section.

20 "Dealer" includes every person actively engaged in the business
21 of buying, selling or exchanging motor vehicles or motorcycles and
22 who has an established place of business.

23 "Deputy Chief Administrator" means the deputy chief
24 administrator of the commission.

25 "Driver" means the rider or driver of a horse, bicycle or
26 motorcycle or the driver or operator of a motor vehicle, unless
27 otherwise specified.

28 "Explosives" means any chemical compound or mechanical
29 mixture that is commonly used or intended for the purpose of
30 producing an explosion and which contains any oxidizing and
31 combustive units or other ingredients in such proportions, quantities
32 or packing that an ignition by fire, friction, by concussion, by
33 percussion, or by detonator of any part of the compound or mixture
34 may cause such a sudden generation of highly heated gases that the
35 resultant gaseous pressures are capable of producing destructive
36 effects on contiguous objects or of destroying life or limb.

37 "Farm tractor" means every motor vehicle designed and used
38 primarily as a farm implement for drawing plows, mowing
39 machines, and other implements of husbandry.

40 "Flammable liquid" means any liquid having a flash point below
41 200 degrees Fahrenheit, and a vapor pressure not exceeding 40
42 pounds.

43 "Gross weight" means the combined weight of a vehicle and a
44 load thereon.

45 "High occupancy vehicle" or "HOV" means a vehicle which is
46 used to transport two or more persons and shall include public
47 transportation, car pool, van pool, and other vehicles as determined
48 by regulation of the Department of Transportation.

1 "Highway" means the entire width between the boundary lines of
2 every way publicly maintained when any part thereof is open to the
3 use of the public for purposes of vehicular travel.

4 "Horse" includes mules and all other domestic animals used as
5 draught animals or beasts of burden.

6 "Inside lane" means the lane nearest the center line of the
7 roadway.

8 "Intersection" means the area embraced within the prolongation
9 of the lateral curb lines or, if none, the lateral boundary lines of two
10 or more highways which join one another at an angle, whether or
11 not one such highway crosses another.

12 "Laned roadway" means a roadway which is divided into two or
13 more clearly marked lanes for vehicular traffic.

14 "Leased limousine" means any limousine subject to regulation in
15 the State which:

16 a. Is offered for rental or lease, without a driver, to be operated
17 by a limousine service as the lessee, for the purpose of carrying
18 passengers for hire; and

19 b. Is leased or rented for a period of one year or more
20 following registration.

21 "Leased motor vehicle" means any motor vehicle subject to
22 registration in this State which:

23 a. Is offered for rental or lease, without a driver, to be operated
24 by the lessee, **his** the lessee's agent or servant, for purposes other
25 than the transportation of passengers for hire; and

26 b. Is leased or rented for a period of one year or more
27 following registration.

28 "Limited-access highway" means every highway, street, or
29 roadway in respect to which owners or occupants of abutting lands
30 and other persons have no legal right of access to or from the same
31 except at such points only and in such manner as may be
32 determined by the public authority having jurisdiction over such
33 highway, street, or roadway; and includes any highway designated
34 as a "freeway" or "parkway" by authority of law.

35 "Local authorities" means every county, municipal and other
36 local board or body having authority to adopt local police
37 regulations under the Constitution and laws of this State, including
38 every county governing body with relation to county roads.

39 **["Low-speed electric bicycle"** means a two or three-wheeled
40 vehicle with fully operable pedals and an electric motor of less than
41 750 watts, that meets the requirements of one of the following
42 classifications: "class 1 low-speed electric bicycle" which means a
43 low-speed electric bicycle equipped with a motor that provides
44 assistance only when the rider is pedaling, and that ceases to
45 provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles
46 per hour; or "class 2 low-speed electric bicycle" which means a
47 low-speed electric bicycle equipped with a motor that may be used
48 exclusively to propel the bicycle, and that is not capable of

1 providing assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles
2 per hour.】

3 "Low-speed electric scooter" means a scooter with a floorboard
4 that can be stood upon by the operator, with handlebars, and an
5 electric motor that is capable of propelling the device with or
6 without human propulsion at a maximum speed of less than 19
7 miles per hour.

8 "Low-speed vehicle" means a four-wheeled low-speed vehicle,
9 as defined in 49 C.F.R. s.571.3(b), whose attainable speed is more
10 than 20 miles per hour but not more than 25 miles per hour on a
11 paved level surface and which is not powered by gasoline or diesel
12 fuel and complies with federal safety standards as set forth in 49
13 C.F.R. s.571.500.

14 "Magistrate" means any municipal court and the Superior Court,
15 and any officer having the powers of a committing magistrate and
16 the chief administrator.

17 "Manufacturer" means a person engaged in the business of
18 manufacturing or assembling motor vehicles, who will, under
19 normal business conditions during the year, manufacture or
20 assemble at least 10 new motor vehicles.

21 "Metal tire" means every tire the surface of which in contact with
22 the highway is wholly or partly of metal or other hard nonresilient
23 material.

24 "Mid-block crosswalk" means a crosswalk located away from an
25 intersection, distinctly indicated by lines or markings on the
26 surface.

27 "Motorized bicycle" means: a pedal bicycle having a helper
28 motor characterized in that either the maximum piston displacement
29 is less than 50 cc. or said motor is rated at no more than 1.5 brake
30 horsepower; or 【is powered by an electric drive motor and said
31 bicycle is capable of a maximum speed of no more than 25 miles
32 per hour on a flat surface or a pedal bicycle having an electric
33 motor that is capable of propelling the bicycle in excess of 20 miles
34 per hour with a maximum motor-powered speed of no more than 28
35 miles per hour on a flat surface】 a pedal bicycle with fully-operable
36 pedals and an electric motor that can provide assistance when the
37 rider is pedaling or that, through the use of a throttle, can be used to
38 exclusively propel the bicycle. This term shall not include a 【low-
39 speed electric bicycle, or】 low-speed electric scooter as defined in
40 this section.

41 "Motorcycle" includes motorcycles, autocycles, motor bikes,
42 bicycles with motor attached and all motor-operated vehicles of the
43 bicycle or tricycle type, except motorized bicycles 【, low-speed
44 electric bicycles,】 and low-speed electric scooters as defined in this
45 section, whether the motive power be a part thereof or attached
46 thereto and having a saddle or seat with driver sitting astride or
47 upon it or a platform on which the driver stands.

1 "Motor-drawn vehicle" includes trailers, semitrailers, or any
2 other type of vehicle drawn by a motor-driven vehicle.

3 "Motor vehicle" includes all vehicles propelled otherwise than by
4 muscular power, excepting such vehicles as run only upon rails or
5 tracks, [low-speed electric bicycles,] low-speed electric scooters,
6 and motorized bicycles.

7 "Motorized scooter" means a miniature motor vehicle and
8 includes, but is not limited to, pocket bikes, super pocket bikes,
9 scooters, mini-scooters, sport scooters, mini choppers, mini
10 motorcycles, motorized skateboards and other vehicles with motors
11 not manufactured in compliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety
12 Standards and which have no permanent Federal Safety
13 Certification stickers affixed to the vehicle by the original
14 manufacturer. This term shall not include: electric personal
15 assistive mobility devices, motorized bicycles, low-speed vehicles,
16 [low-speed electric bicycles,] or low-speed electric scooters; or
17 motorized wheelchairs, mobility scooters or similar mobility
18 assisting devices used by persons with physical disabilities, or
19 persons whose ambulatory mobility has been impaired by age or
20 illness.

21 "Motorized skateboard" means a skateboard that is propelled
22 otherwise than by muscular power.

23 "Motorized wheelchair" means any motor-driven wheelchair
24 utilized to increase the independent mobility, in the activities of
25 daily living, of an individual who has limited or no ambulation
26 abilities, and includes mobility scooters manufactured specifically
27 for such purposes and designed primarily for indoor use.

28 "Noncommercial truck" means every motor vehicle designed
29 primarily for transportation of property, and which is not a
30 "commercial vehicle."

31 "Official traffic control devices" means all signs, signals,
32 markings, and devices not inconsistent with this subtitle placed or
33 erected by authority of a public body or official having jurisdiction
34 for the purpose of regulating, warning, or guiding traffic.

35 "Omnibus" includes all motor vehicles used for the
36 transportation of passengers for hire, except commuter vans and
37 vehicles used in ridesharing arrangements and school buses, if the
38 same are not otherwise used in the transportation of passengers for
39 hire.

40 "Operator" means a person who is in actual physical control of a
41 vehicle or street car.

42 "Outside lane" means the lane nearest the curb or outer edge of
43 the roadway.

44 "Owner" means a person who holds the legal title of a vehicle, or
45 if a vehicle is the subject of an agreement for the conditional sale or
46 lease thereof with the right of purchase upon performance of the
47 conditions stated in the agreement and with an immediate right of
48 possession vested in the conditional vendee or lessee, or if a

1 mortgagor of a vehicle is entitled to possession, then the conditional
2 vendee, lessee or mortgagor shall be deemed the owner for the
3 purpose of this subtitle.

4 "Parking" means the standing or waiting on a street, road or
5 highway of a vehicle not actually engaged in receiving or
6 discharging passengers or merchandise, unless in obedience to
7 traffic regulations or traffic signs or signals.

8 "Passenger automobile" means all automobiles used and
9 designed for the transportation of passengers, other than omnibuses
10 and school buses.

11 "Pedestrian" means a person afoot.

12 "Pedicab" means a wheeled device that: (1) contains three or
13 more wheels; (2) is designed to transport passengers and be
14 propelled by muscular power using pedals; (3) is designed to
15 accommodate no more than 15 passengers in addition to the driver;
16 (4) is operated for hire; and (5) if equipped with a motor, is
17 equipped with: an electric motor **【that meets the classifications of a**
18 **class 1 or class 2 low-speed electric bicycle】** of less than 750 watts
19 that provides assistance only when the driver is pedaling and that
20 ceases to provide assistance when the wheeled device reaches the
21 speed of 20 miles per hour; or an electric motor of less than 750
22 watts that may be used exclusively to propel the wheeled device and
23 that is not capable of providing assistance when the wheeled device
24 reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour. A pedicab shall not be
25 considered a motor vehicle or a motorcycle.

26 "Person" includes natural persons, firms, copartnerships,
27 associations, and corporations.

28 "Pneumatic tire" means every tire in which compressed air is
29 designed to support the load.

30 "Pole trailer" means every vehicle without motive power
31 designed to be drawn by another vehicle and attached to the towing
32 vehicle by means of a reach, or pole, or by being boomed or
33 otherwise secured to the towing vehicle, and ordinarily used for
34 transporting long or irregularly shaped loads, such as poles, pipes,
35 or structural members capable, generally, of sustaining themselves
36 as beams between the supporting connections.

37 "Private road or driveway" means every road or driveway not
38 open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular travel.

39 "Railroad train" means a steam engine, electric or other motor,
40 with or without cars coupled thereto, operated upon rails, except
41 street cars.

42 "REAL ID basic driver's license" means a basic driver's license
43 issued by the commission that complies with the provisions of the
44 "REAL ID Act of 2005," Pub.L.109-13, any acts amendatory or
45 supplementary thereto, and any federal regulations adopted
46 thereunder.

47 "REAL ID identification card" means an identification card
48 issued by the commission that complies with the provisions of the

1 "REAL ID Act of 2005," Pub.L.109-13, any acts amendatory or
2 supplementary thereto, and any federal regulations adopted
3 thereunder.

4 "REAL ID license" means any license to operate a motor vehicle
5 issued by the commission that complies with the provisions of the
6 "REAL ID Act of 2005," Pub.L.109-13, any acts amendatory or
7 supplementary thereto, and any federal regulations adopted
8 thereunder.

9 "REAL ID motorcycle license" means a motorcycle license
10 issued by the commission that complies with the provisions of the
11 "REAL ID Act of 2005," Pub.L.109-13, any acts amendatory or
12 supplementary thereto, and any federal regulations adopted
13 thereunder.

14 "REAL ID probationary license" means a probationary license
15 issued by the commission that complies with the provisions of the
16 "REAL ID Act of 2005," P.L.109-13, any acts amendatory or
17 supplementary thereto, and any federal regulations adopted
18 thereunder.

19 "Recreation vehicle" means a self-propelled or towed vehicle
20 equipped to serve as temporary living quarters for recreational,
21 camping or travel purposes and used solely as a family or personal
22 conveyance.

23 "Residence district" means that portion of a highway and the
24 territory contiguous thereto, not comprising a business district,
25 where within any 600 feet along such highway there are buildings
26 in use for business or residential purposes which occupy 300 feet or
27 more of frontage on at least one side of the highway.

28 "Ridesharing" means the transportation of persons in a motor
29 vehicle, with a maximum carrying capacity of not more than 15
30 passengers, including the driver, where such transportation is
31 incidental to the purpose of the driver. The term shall include such
32 ridesharing arrangements known as car pools and van pools.

33 "Right-of-way" means the privilege of the immediate use of the
34 highway.

35 "Road tractor" means every motor vehicle designed and used for
36 drawing other vehicles and not so constructed as to carry any load
37 thereon either independently or any part of the weight of a vehicle
38 or load so drawn.

39 "Roadway" means that portion of a highway improved, designed,
40 or ordinarily used for vehicular travel, exclusive of the berm or
41 shoulder. In the event a highway includes two or more separate
42 roadways, the term "roadway" as used herein shall refer to any such
43 roadway separately, but not to all such roadways, collectively.

44 "Safety zone" means the area or space officially set aside within
45 a highway for the exclusive use of pedestrians, which is so plainly
46 marked or indicated by proper signs as to be plainly visible at all
47 times while set apart as a safety zone.

1 "School bus" means every motor vehicle operated by, or under
2 contract with, a public or governmental agency, or religious or other
3 charitable organization or corporation, or privately operated for the
4 transportation of children to or from school for secular or religious
5 education, which complies with the regulations of the New Jersey
6 Motor Vehicle Commission affecting school buses, including
7 "School Vehicle Type I" and "School Vehicle Type II" as defined
8 below:

9 "School Vehicle Type I" means any vehicle designed to transport
10 16 or more passengers, including the driver, used to transport
11 enrolled children, and adults only when serving as chaperones, to or
12 from a school, school connected activity, day camp, summer day
13 camp, summer residence camp, nursery school, child care center,
14 preschool center or other similar places of education. Such vehicle
15 shall comply with the regulations of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle
16 Commission and either the Department of Education or the
17 Department of Human Services, whichever is the appropriate
18 supervising agency.

19 "School Vehicle Type II" means any vehicle designed to
20 transport less than 16 passengers, including the driver, used to
21 transport enrolled children, and adults only when serving as
22 chaperones, to or from a school, school connected activity, day
23 camp, summer day camp, summer residence camp, nursery school,
24 child care center, preschool center or other similar places of
25 education. Such vehicle shall comply with the regulations of the
26 New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission and either the Department
27 of Education or the Department of Human Services, whichever is
28 the appropriate supervising agency.

29 "School zone" means that portion of a highway which is either
30 contiguous to territory occupied by a school building or is where
31 school crossings are established in the vicinity of a school, upon
32 which are maintained appropriate "school signs" in accordance with
33 specifications adopted by the chief administrator and in accordance
34 with law.

35 "School crossing" means that portion of a highway where school
36 children are required to cross the highway in the vicinity of a
37 school.

38 "Semitrailer" means every vehicle with or without motive power,
39 other than a pole trailer, designed for carrying persons or property
40 and for being drawn by a motor vehicle and so constructed that
41 some part of its weight and that of its load rests upon or is carried
42 by another vehicle.

43 "Shipper" means any person who shall deliver, or cause to be
44 delivered, any commodity, produce or article for transportation as
45 the contents or load of a commercial motor vehicle. In the case of a
46 sealed ocean container, "shipper" shall not be construed to include
47 any person whose activities with respect to the shipment are limited

1 to the solicitation or negotiation of the sale, resale, or exchange of
2 the commodity, produce or article within that container.

3 "Shoulder" means that portion of the highway, exclusive of and
4 bordering the roadway, designed for emergency use but not
5 ordinarily to be used for vehicular travel.

6 "Sidewalk" means that portion of a highway intended for the use
7 of pedestrians, between the curb line or the lateral line of a
8 shoulder, or if none, the lateral line of the roadway and the adjacent
9 right-of-way line.

10 "Sign." See "Official traffic control devices."

11 "Slow-moving vehicle" means a vehicle run at a speed less than
12 the maximum speed then and there permissible.

13 "Solid tire" means every tire of rubber or other resilient material
14 which does not depend upon compressed air for the support of the
15 load.

16 "Standard" means, when used to describe any license to operate a
17 motor vehicle or any identification card issued by the commission
18 under the provisions of this Title, that the issuance of the license or
19 identification card does not require proof of lawful presence in the
20 United States.

21 "Street" means the same as highway.

22 "Street car" means a car other than a railroad train, for
23 transporting persons or property and operated upon rails principally
24 within a municipality.

25 "Stop," when required, means complete cessation from
26 movement.

27 "Stopping or standing," when prohibited, means any cessation of
28 movement of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, except when
29 necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with
30 the directions of a police officer or traffic control sign or signal.

31 "Suburban business or residential district" means that portion of
32 highway and the territory contiguous thereto, where within any
33 1,320 feet along that highway there is land in use for business or
34 residential purposes and that land occupies more than 660 feet of
35 frontage on one side or collectively more than 660 feet of frontage
36 on both sides of that roadway.

37 "Through highway" means every highway or portion thereof at
38 the entrances to which vehicular traffic from intersecting highways
39 is required by law to stop before entering or crossing the same and
40 when stop signs are erected as provided in this chapter.

41 "Trackless trolley" means every motor vehicle which is propelled
42 by electric power obtained from overhead trolley wires but not
43 operated upon rails.

44 "Traffic" means pedestrians, ridden or herded animals, vehicles,
45 street cars, and other conveyances either singly, or together, while
46 using any highway for purposes of travel.

1 "Traffic control signal" means a device, whether manually,
2 electrically, mechanically, or otherwise controlled, by which traffic
3 is alternately directed to stop and to proceed.

4 "Trailer" means every vehicle with or without motive power,
5 other than a pole trailer, designed for carrying persons or property
6 and for being drawn by a motor vehicle and so constructed that no
7 part of its weight rests upon the towing vehicle.

8 "Truck" means every motor vehicle designed, used, or
9 maintained primarily for the transportation of property.

10 "Truck tractor" means every motor vehicle designed and used
11 primarily for drawing other vehicles and not so constructed as to
12 carry a load other than a part of the weight of the vehicle and load
13 so drawn.

14 "Van pooling" means seven or more persons commuting on a
15 daily basis to and from work by means of a vehicle with a seating
16 arrangement designed to carry seven to 15 adult passengers.

17 "Vehicle" means every device in, upon or by which a person or
18 property is or may be transported upon a highway, excepting
19 devices moved by human power or used exclusively upon stationary
20 rails or tracks or **[low-speed electric bicycles,]** low-speed electric
21 scooters **[,]** or motorized bicycles.

22 (cf: P.L.2022, c.16, s.2)

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24 2. Section 2 of P.L.2024, c.109 (C.27:5F-45) is amended to
25 read as follows:

26 2. a. For the purposes of this section:

27 "Active transportation" means pedestrian mobility, such as
28 walking and running, individual use of personal conveyances for
29 mobility powered by human effort or electric motors, and personal
30 conveyances that consider and address accommodations pursuant to
31 the "Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990" (42 U.S.C. s.12101 et
32 seq.).

33 "Bicycle" means the same as the term is defined in section 2 of
34 P.L.1975, c.328 (C.39:4-14.5).

35 "Pedestrian" shall include, but not be limited to: a pedestrian as
36 defined in R.S.39:1-1; a person in a wheelchair or motorized
37 wheelchair as defined in R.S.39:1-1; and a person employed by or
38 who contracts with any public utility company in this State, a
39 property maintenance worker, or any other person who is permitted
40 by law to be upon the roadway and outside a motor vehicle for work
41 or recreation and is upon a roadway and outside a motor vehicle for
42 work or recreation.

43 "Personal conveyance" shall include:

44 (1) a bicycle as defined in this section;

45 (2) **[a low-speed electric bicycle as defined in R.S.39:1-1;]**
46 (Deleted by amendment, P.L. _____, c. _____) (pending before the
47 Legislature as this bill)

48 (3) a low-speed electric scooter as defined in R.S.39:1-1;

1 (4) a manual wheelchair;

2 (5) a motorized wheelchair as defined in R.S.39:1-1 or similar
3 mobility assisting devices used by persons with physical disabilities
4 or by persons whose ambulatory mobility has been impaired by age
5 or illness;

6 (6) an electric personal assistive mobility device as defined in
7 section 1 of P.L.2001, c.430 (C.39:4-14.10);

8 (7) a motorized scooter as defined in R.S.39:1-1;

9 (8) a skateboard;

10 (9) a motorized skateboard as defined in R.S.39:1-1;

11 (10) roller skates as defined in section 1 of P.L.1997, c.411
12 (C.39:4-10.5); and

13 (11) any other means used by a person for transportation.

14 "Safe system approach" means evaluating traffic safety and
15 designing a transportation system with the goal of eliminating fatal
16 and serious injuries for all road users by acknowledging that: traffic
17 deaths and serious injuries are unacceptable, humans make
18 mistakes, humans are vulnerable, responsibility is shared, safety is
19 proactive, and redundancy is crucial.

20 "Target zero strategies" means actionable strategies using the
21 safe system approach and include, but are not limited to: (1)
22 prioritizing roadway design and design of sidewalks; crosswalks;
23 roadway shoulders; personal conveyance parking; access to public
24 transit, schools, and parks; and intersections and corridors with
25 paths, trails, and multiuse greenways; (2) focusing on speed
26 management; (3) ensuring enforcement is equitable; and (4)
27 utilizing impactful education strategies and inclusive community
28 engagement.

29 "Traffic control signal" means a device, whether manually,
30 electrically, mechanically, or otherwise controlled, by which traffic
31 is alternatively directed to stop and to proceed, and which has been
32 approved by the Commissioner of Transportation in accordance
33 with the "Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets
34 and Highways."

35 "Traffic control signal monitoring system" means an integrated
36 system or device utilizing a camera, or a multiple-camera system,
37 and vehicle sensors, which work in conjunction with a traffic
38 control signal, and is capable of producing:

39 (1) high resolution color digital recorded images that show: (a)
40 the traffic control signal while it is displaying a red light; (b) a
41 motor vehicle unlawfully entering and continuing through the
42 intersection while the traffic control signal is displaying a red light;
43 and (c) a portion of the rear of the motor vehicle unlawfully in the
44 intersection sufficient to clearly reveal the vehicle's license plate
45 and the make and model of the vehicle; and

46 (2) a video recording of the violation that shows the violation
47 occurring.

1 b. The purpose and duties of the commission shall be to study,
2 examine, and review all aspects of traffic safety with a particular
3 focus on access, equity, and mobility for all road users using the
4 safe system approach and to advise the Governor, the Legislature,
5 and the Department of Transportation regarding policies, programs,
6 research, and priorities to help achieve the goal of eliminating
7 traffic fatalities and serious injuries. To fulfill this purpose and
8 these duties, the commission shall:

9 (1) review any relevant, existing safety plans brought to the
10 commission by its members, identify ways to advance target zero
11 strategies, and develop a comprehensive and coordinated action
12 plan to help achieve the goal of eliminating traffic fatalities and
13 serious injuries on all public roadways in the State by 2040 through
14 engineering, education, and enforcement systems that analyze
15 physical transportation designs with a focus on the equitable
16 treatment of all transportation users; provided that the action plan
17 shall not include implementation of traffic control signal monitoring
18 system technology to determine whether a traffic control signal
19 violation occurred and to issue a summons or assess any penalties
20 for such violation;

21 (2) identify short-term and long-term data-driven strategies with
22 measurable goals and target dates to reduce traffic fatalities and
23 serious injuries with the goal of eliminating all traffic fatalities and
24 serious injuries by 2040; provided that the strategies shall not
25 include implementation of traffic control signal monitoring system
26 technology to determine whether a traffic control signal violation
27 occurred and to issue a summons or assess any penalties for such
28 violation;

29 (3) develop and adopt the action plan pursuant to paragraph (1)
30 of this subsection, which action plan shall include implementation
31 of the strategies identified pursuant to paragraph (2) of this
32 subsection no later than the first day of the 12th month following
33 the effective date of P.L.2024, c.109 (C.27:5F-44 et seq.), except
34 that before adopting the action plan, the commission shall host a
35 public hearing to receive public feedback concerning the proposed
36 action plan, which proposed action plan shall be published on the
37 commission's Internet website no less than 72 hours before the
38 public hearing;

39 (4) promote effective and transparent collection of traffic safety
40 data and dissemination of such data via a publicly accessible data
41 portal that includes, but is not limited to, the most dangerous
42 intersections in the State, traffic crash data with information on
43 non-fatal injuries and demographic data, and a high-injury network
44 that indicates the roadways, in the State, with the highest injury
45 rates;

46 (5) encourage the elimination of road hazards by advancing
47 active transportation and mass transit as safe and viable forms of

1 transportation throughout the State for persons of all ages and
2 abilities;

3 (6) provide recommendations for changes to State, county, and
4 municipal law to achieve the goal of eliminating all traffic fatalities
5 and serious injuries by 2040; provided that the recommendations
6 shall not include implementation of traffic control signal monitoring
7 system technology to determine whether a traffic control signal
8 violation occurred and to issue a summons or assess any penalties
9 for such violation;

10 (7) review any relevant, existing safety plans brought to the
11 commission by its members and develop the action plan to
12 implement and promote the safe system approach, target zero
13 strategies, and evidenced-based safety countermeasures to help
14 achieve the goal of eliminating traffic fatalities and severe injuries
15 among all road users by 2040; provided that the action plan shall
16 not include implementation of traffic control signal monitoring
17 system technology to determine whether a traffic control signal
18 violation occurred and to issue a summons or assess any penalties
19 for such violation;

20 (8) create and maintain an interactive Internet website to provide
21 information about the commission, including: the membership of
22 the commission; the commission's plans, progress reports, meeting
23 notices, agendas, and minutes; educational materials about target
24 zero; a link to the safety portal required pursuant to paragraph (4) of
25 this subsection; and any other information the commission deems
26 necessary;

27 (9) serve as an advisor to the Department of Transportation and
28 other State agencies and transportation authorities with regard to
29 roadway planning and transportation infrastructure planning;

30 (10) provide advice and assistance to county and municipal
31 governments regarding the data resources available to them to
32 develop their own target zero plans; and

33 (11) report annually to the Governor and, pursuant to section 2 of
34 P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), to the Legislature on the findings
35 and activities of the commission, including the number of road
36 traffic fatalities and serious injuries and the review of the
37 implementation of the action plans. The commission shall submit
38 the report before the third Sunday in November of each year, which
39 is World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims.

40 (cf: P.L.2024, c.109, s.2)

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42 3. Section 2 of P.L.1975, c.250 (C.39:4-14.3) is amended to
43 read as follows:

44 2. a. Motorized bicycles shall not be operated upon interstate
45 highways or upon public highways divided by a grass or concrete
46 median or highways with posted speed limits in excess of 50 miles
47 per hour or upon the railroad or right-of-way of an operating
48 railroad within the State of New Jersey or upon any public land

1 where expressly prohibited by the governing body, department or
2 agency having jurisdiction thereof.

3 The commissioner is authorized to adopt regulations either
4 prohibiting the operation of motorized bicycles on any public road
5 or highway with a speed limit in excess of 40 miles per hour, which
6 in **【his】** the commissioner's discretion are hazardous for the
7 operation of motorized bicycles or permitting the operation of
8 motorized bicycles on any public road or highway, upon which the
9 operation of motorized bicycles is otherwise prohibited by the
10 provisions of this section, which in **【his】** the commissioner's
11 discretion are safe for the operation of motorized bicycles. In no
12 case, however, shall the commissioner adopt a regulation permitting
13 motorized bicycles to be operated on any highway with a posted
14 speed in excess of 50 miles per hour.

15 b. No municipality shall limit or otherwise restrict the
16 operation of motorized bicycles on any public roads or highways
17 under its jurisdiction in contravention of the provisions of this act
18 or any regulations adopted by the **【director】** chief administrator
19 pursuant thereto.

20 c. Motorized bicycles shall not be operated by a person under
21 15 years of age.

22 d. No person shall operate a motorized bicycle unless **【he is】**
23 the person: is at least 17 years of age and in possession of a valid
24 basic driver's license 【of any class】; or (2) is in possession of a
25 motorized bicycle license, which shall be issued by the commission
26 to any person 15 years of age or older, upon proof of identity and
27 date of birth, and after **【he】** the person has passed a satisfactory
28 examination as to **【his】** the person's ability as an operator. Such
29 examination shall include a test of the applicant's knowledge of
30 such portions of the mechanism of motorized bicycles as is
31 necessary to **【insure】** ensure their safe operation and of the laws
32 and ordinary usages of the road and a demonstration of **【his】** the
33 applicant's ability to operate a motorized bicycle.

34 The demonstration of an applicant's ability to operate a
35 motorized bicycle shall be administered at such municipalities that
36 the commission shall designate, under the supervision of the
37 commission, or an officer, employee, or authorized agent of the
38 commission, in accordance with rules and regulations promulgated
39 by the commission.

40 The chief administrator may, in **【his】** the chief administrator's
41 discretion, issue a learner's permit to a person 15 years of age or
42 older, upon proof of identity and date of birth, allowing such
43 person, for the purpose of fitting **【himself】** the person to become a
44 motorized bicycle driver, to operate a motorized bicycle during
45 daylight hours without supervision for a period not to exceed 45
46 days. The permit shall be sufficient license for the person to
47 operate a motorized bicycle. No permit shall be issued unless the

1 person applying therefor shall pay the sum of **[\$5.00]** \$5 to the
2 commission, or an officer, employee or agent of the commission.

3 e. The valid driver's license, the insurance identification card,
4 and the registration certificate shall be in the possession of the
5 operator at all times when **[he]** the operator is operating a
6 motorized bicycle with motor engaged on the highways of this
7 State. The operator shall exhibit **[his]** the operator's driver's
8 license when requested to do so by any police officer or magistrate,
9 while in the performance of the duties of **[his]** the officer's or
10 magistrate's office and shall write **[his]** the operator's name in the
11 presence of the officer, so that the officer may thereby determine
12 the identity of the licensee and at the same time determine the
13 correctness of the registration certificate, as it relates to the
14 registration number and number plates of the motorized bicycle for
15 which it was issued and the correctness of the evidence of a policy
16 of insurance, as it relates to the coverage of the motorized bicycle
17 for which it was issued. Any person violating this subsection shall
18 be subject to a fine not exceeding **[\$50.00]** \$50.

19 If a person charged with a violation of this subsection can exhibit
20 **[his]** the person's valid driver's license, insurance identification
21 card, and registration certificate, which were valid on the day **[he]**
22 the person was charged, to the judge of the municipal court before
23 whom **[he]** the person is summoned to answer to the charge, the
24 judge may dismiss the charge; however, the judge may impose court
25 costs.

26 f. Unless otherwise determined by the commissioner, statutes,
27 rules and regulations applicable to bicycles shall apply whenever a
28 motorized bicycle is operated upon any highway or upon any public
29 land.

30 Every person operating a motorized bicycle upon a public road
31 or highway shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to the
32 driver of a vehicle by chapter 4 of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes
33 and N.J.S.2C:11-5 and all amendments and supplements thereto.

34 (cf: P.L.2003, c.13, s.49)

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36 4. Section 8 of P.L.1977, c.267 (C.39:4-14.3f) is amended to
37 read as follows:

38 8. Article 15 of chapter 4 of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes
39 pertaining to accidents and reports shall be applicable to all
40 accidents involving motorized bicycles. Any law enforcement
41 officer investigating an accident in which a motorized bicycle is
42 involved shall report the accident to the **[Division of Motor**
43 **Vehicles]** New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission and to the
44 Department of Transportation. Said report shall include
45 information relating to the cause of the accident and extent of
46 injury, if any, to the operator and such other information as may be

1 required.

2 (cf: P.L.1977, c.267, s.8)

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4 5. Section 2 of P.L.2019, c.121 (C.39:4-14.16) is amended to
5 read as follows:

6 2. a. A **low-speed electric bicycle or** low-speed electric
7 scooter, as defined in R.S.39:1-1, may be operated on the streets,
8 highways, roadways, and bicycle paths of this State, except as
9 otherwise provided in this section, and may be parked on a sidewalk
10 provided that the **low-speed electric bicycle or** low-speed electric
11 scooter does not impede the normal movement of pedestrian or
12 other traffic upon the sidewalk.

13 b. **On and after January 1, 2019, manufacturers and**
14 **distributors of low-speed electric bicycles shall apply a label that is**
15 **permanently affixed, in a prominent location, to each low-speed**
16 **electric bicycle The label shall contain the classification number,**
17 **top assisted speed, and motor wattage of the low-speed electric**
18 **bicycle, and shall be printed in Arial font in at least 9-point type.]**
19 (Deleted by amendment, P.L. _____, c. _____) (pending before the
20 Legislature as this bill)

21 c. **A person shall not tamper with or modify a low-speed**
22 **electric bicycle so as to change the motor-powered speed capability**
23 **or engagement of a low-speed electric bicycle, unless that person**
24 **appropriately replaces the label indicating the classification**
25 **required in subsection b. of this section.]** (Deleted by amendment,
26 P.L. _____, c. _____) (pending before the Legislature as this bill)

27 d. A **low-speed electric bicycle or** low-speed electric scooter
28 may be operated on bicycle paths, except that a local government
29 entity or State agency may prohibit the operation of **low-speed**
30 **electric bicycle or** low-speed electric scooters on bicycle paths
31 under its jurisdiction.

32 e. Unless permitted by a local government entity or State
33 agency with jurisdiction, a **low-speed electric bicycle or** low-
34 speed electric scooter shall not be operated on a trail designated for
35 non-motorized traffic if such trail has a natural surface tread made
36 by clearing and grading the soil and no surfacing materials have
37 been added.

38 f. The operator of a **low-speed electric bicycle or** low-speed
39 electric scooter shall not be required to register the **low-speed**
40 **electric bicycle or** low-speed electric scooter, furnish proof of
41 insurance, or have a driver's license.

42 g. Except as otherwise provided by this section, all statutes,
43 including the provisions of chapter 4 of Title 39 of the Revised
44 Statutes, rules, and regulations applicable to bicycles, as defined in
45 section 1 of P.L.1991, c.465 (C.39:4-10.1), shall apply to **low-**
46 **speed electric bicycle and** low-speed electric scooters, except those

1 provisions which by their very nature may have no application to
2 **【low-speed electric bicycle or】** low-speed electric scooters.

3 h. A **【low-speed electric bicycle or】** low-speed electric scooter
4 shall be considered a motor vehicle to the extent required by 23
5 U.S.C. s.154.

6 (cf: P.L.2019, c.121, s.2)

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8 6. Section 1 of P.L.2021, c.194 (C.39:4-92.4) is amended to
9 read as follows:

10 1. a. As used in this section:

11 "Bicycle" shall have the same meaning as set forth in section 2 of
12 P.L.1975, c.328 (C.39:4-14.5).

13 "Pedestrian" shall include, but not be limited to, a pedestrian as
14 defined in R.S.39:1-1 or any other person who is upon the roadway
15 and outside of a motor vehicle for work, emergency response, or
16 recreation.

17 "Personal conveyance" shall include, but not be limited to, **【a**
18 **low-speed electric bicycle as defined in R.S.39:1-1,】** a motorized
19 bicycle as defined in R.S.39:1-1, low-speed electric scooter as
20 defined in R.S.39:1-1, a manual wheelchair, a motorized wheelchair
21 as defined in R.S.39:1-1 or a similar mobility assisting device used
22 by persons with physical disabilities or by persons whose
23 ambulatory mobility has been impaired by age or illness, an electric
24 personal assistive mobility device as defined in section 1 of
25 P.L.2001, c.430 (C.39:4-14.10), a motorized scooter as defined in
26 R.S.39:1-1, a skateboard as referenced in section 1 of P.L.1997,
27 c.411 (C.39:4-10.5), a motorized skateboard as defined in R.S.39:1-
28 1, roller skates as defined in section 1 of P.L.1997, c.411 (C.39:4-
29 10.5), or any other device used by a person for transportation.

30 b. The operator of a motor vehicle shall approach a pedestrian
31 or a person operating a bicycle or personal conveyance located or
32 operating in an area designated for pedestrians, bicycles, or
33 personal conveyances on the roadways of this State with due
34 caution and absent any other direction by a law enforcement officer,
35 proceed as follows:

36 (1) when possible under existing safety and traffic conditions,
37 make a lane change into a lane not adjacent to the pedestrian or the
38 person operating a bicycle or personal conveyance;

39 (2) if a lane change cannot be made pursuant to paragraph (1) of
40 this subsection, leave a reasonable and safe distance of not less than
41 four feet while approaching the pedestrian or the person operating a
42 bicycle or personal conveyance and maintain a distance of at least
43 four feet until the motor vehicle has safely passed the pedestrian or
44 person operating the bicycle or personal conveyance; or

45 (3) if it is impossible, prohibited by law, or unsafe to make a
46 lane change pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection or to leave
47 a reasonable and safe distance of not less than four feet pursuant to
48 paragraph (2) of this subsection, the motor vehicle operator shall

1 reduce the speed of the motor vehicle to 25 miles per hour or a
2 lower posted speed and be prepared to stop; the operator may pass
3 the pedestrian or person operating a bicycle or personal conveyance
4 only if, considering the size and speed of the motor vehicle, traffic
5 conditions, weather, visibility, and the surface and width of the
6 roadway, passing does not endanger the safety of a pedestrian,
7 operator of the bicycle or personal conveyance, or any other person
8 on the roadway.

9 c. A person who commits a violation of the provisions of this
10 section, which violation results in bodily injury as defined in
11 N.J.S.2C:11-1, shall be fined \$500 and assessed two motor vehicle
12 penalty points; if no bodily injury results, the violator shall be fined
13 \$100 and shall not be assessed any penalty points.

14 d. Nothing in this section shall be construed to preclude or
15 limit a prosecution or conviction for a violation of any offense
16 defined by the laws of this State or for any violation of Title 39 of
17 the Revised Statutes.

18 (cf: P.L.2024, c.11, s.1)

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20 7. (New section) a. The Chief Administrator of the New
21 Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission may accept as proof of
22 ownership a sworn affidavit from the owner of a motorized bicycle
23 if the following apply:

24 (1) the motorized bicycle was not required to be registered in
25 this State prior to the effective date of P.L. , c. (C.)
26 (pending before the Legislature as this bill);

27 (2) the motorized bicycle was purchased prior to the effective
28 date of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this
29 bill);

30 (3) there is no bill of sale or other formal proof of ownership
31 available for the motorized bicycle; and

32 (4) the sworn affidavit sets forth with reasonable specificity the
33 acquisition of ownership of the motorized bicycle together with any
34 supporting documents as proof of ownership of the motorized
35 bicycle.

36 b. It shall be a crime of the fourth degree for a person to
37 knowingly submit a false bill of sale, false receipt of purchase, or
38 any other false proof of ownership, or to knowingly submit any
39 false affidavit or false supporting document regarding proof of
40 ownership of a motorized bicycle.

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42 8. (New section) One year following the effective date of
43 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill)
44 and annually thereafter, the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission
45 and the Department of Transportation shall prepare and submit an
46 annual report to the Legislature, pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991,
47 c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), concerning all information collected

1 concerning motorized bicycles in this State. The report shall
2 include, but not be limited to:

- 3 a. the number of motorized bicycles registered in the State;
- 4 b. the number and types of violations, citations, complaints,
5 and accidents involving motorized bicycles; and
- 6 c. any recommendations for legislation concerning the regulation
7 of motorized bicycles.

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9 9. (New section) Notwithstanding any law, rule, or regulation
10 to the contrary, for one year following the effective date of P.L. ,
11 c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), the New
12 Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission shall waive all examination,
13 registration, and licensing fees required pursuant to section 2 of
14 P.L.1975, c.250 (C.39:4-14.3) and section 10 of P.L.1983, c.105
15 (C.39:4-14.3j) for the operation of motorized bicycles that were not
16 classified as motorized bicycles prior to the effective date of
17 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

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19 10. (New section) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 21
20 of P.L.1983, c.105 (C.39:4-14.3u), a person shall have six months
21 following the effective date of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending
22 before the Legislature as this bill) to obtain:

23 a. insurance pursuant to section 7 of P.L.1977, c.267 (C.39:4-
24 14.3e) for a motorized bicycle that was not classified as a motorized
25 bicycle prior to the effective date of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending
26 before the Legislature as this bill);

27 b. a registration certificate pursuant to section 9 of P.L.1983,
28 c.105 (C.39:4-14.3i) for a motorized bicycle that was not classified
29 as a motorized bicycle prior to the effective date of
30 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill);
31 and

32 c. a motorized bicycle license pursuant to section 2 of
33 P.L.1975, c.250 (C.39:4-14.3) to operate a motorized bicycle that
34 was not classified as a motorized bicycle prior to the effective date
35 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this
36 bill).

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38 11. This act shall take effect 60 days after enactment. However,
39 the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle
40 Commission may take any anticipatory administrative action in
41 advance as shall be necessary for the implementation of this act.

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44 STATEMENT

45
46 This bill expands the types of bicycles that are regulated as
47 motorized bicycles in New Jersey.

1 The bill amends current law to remove all classifications of
2 electric bicycles and to, instead, redefine and expand the
3 classification of “motorized bicycle” to include a pedal bicycle with
4 fully-operable pedals and an electric motor that can provide
5 assistance when the rider is pedaling or that, through the use of a
6 throttle, can be used to exclusively propel the bicycle.

7 By designating all pedal bicycles with electric motors as
8 motorized bicycles, a person owning or operating one of these
9 bicycles will be required to comply with the provisions of law
10 concerning motorized bicycles, including, but not limited to,
11 obtaining insurance, a license, and registration to operate these
12 bicycles. Under the bill, a person has six months following the bill’s
13 effective date to register, insure, and become licensed to operate a
14 motorized bicycle that was not classified as a motorized bicycle
15 before the bill’s effective date.

16 Under the bill, a person is required to be 17 years of age or older
17 with a valid basic driver’s license issued by the commission to
18 operate a motorized bicycle. A person under the age of 17 may
19 operate a motorized bicycle if the person is at least 15 years of age
20 and is in possession of a valid motorized bicycle license. Under
21 current law, a person who is in possession of a valid driver’s license
22 of any class or is 15 years of age or older and in possession of a
23 motorized bicycle license may operate a motorized bicycle.

24 The bill allows a person to register certain motorized bicycles
25 using a sworn affidavit if certain conditions apply and provides that
26 a person is guilty of a crime of the fourth degree if the person
27 knowingly submits certain false documentation concerning proof of
28 ownership of a motorized bicycle. The bill also removes all
29 references to “low-speed electric bicycle” throughout current law
30 and waives all motorized bicycle examination, registration, and
31 licensing fees for the first year following the effective date of the
32 bill for motorized bicycles that were not classified as motorized
33 bicycles prior to the bill’s effective date. The bill amends
34 N.J.S.A.39:4-92.4 to include “motorized bicycle” in the term
35 “personal conveyance” so that, under the bill, the operator of a
36 motor vehicle is required to approach a motorized bicycle with due
37 caution and to change lanes, leave a safe distance, or slow down
38 and be prepared to stop when approaching and passing a motorized
39 bicycle.

40 The bill requires any law enforcement officer investigating an
41 accident involving a motorized bicycle to report the accident to the
42 Department of Transportation and the New Jersey Motor Vehicle
43 Commission.

44 Finally, the bill requires the New Jersey Motor Vehicle
45 Commission and the Department of Transportation to prepare and
46 submit an annual report to the Legislature concerning all
47 information collected concerning motorized bicycles in this State.