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**SYNOPSIS**

Regulates certain electric bicycles.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Substitute as adopted by the Assembly Appropriations Committee.



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1 AN ACT concerning the requirements for operating certain electric  
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  
10 clearly apparent from the language or context, or unless inconsistent  
11 with 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<sub>2</sub> exclusive of the  
25 roadway and shoulder, **[bordering]** that borders the shoulder but is  
26 not to be used for 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<sub>2</sub> but not limited to<sub>2</sub> 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<sub>2</sub> 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.

**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 "Commission" means the New Jersey Motor Vehicle  
2 Commission established by section 4 of P.L.2003, c.13 (C.39:2A-  
3 4).

4 "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Transportation of  
5 this State.

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

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

20 "Curb extension" or "bulbout" means a horizontal extension of  
21 the sidewalk into the street which results in a narrower roadway  
22 section.

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

26 "Deputy Chief Administrator" means the deputy chief  
27 administrator of the commission.

28 "Driver" means the rider or driver of a horse, bicycle, or  
29 motorcycle or the driver or operator of a motor vehicle, unless  
30 otherwise specified.

31 "Electric motorized bicycle" means any two-wheeled vehicle  
32 with fully operable pedals and an electric motor capable of greater  
33 than 750 watts that is capable of reaching a speed greater than 28  
34 miles per hour.

35 "Electric vehicle charging space" means a publicly accessible  
36 charging space or set of charging spaces, with visible signage  
37 indicating that the charging space or spaces are available for use by  
38 the public for charging plug-in electric vehicles.

39 "Explosives" means any chemical compound or mechanical  
40 mixture that is commonly used or intended for the purpose of  
41 producing an explosion and which contains any oxidizing and  
42 combustive units or other ingredients in such proportions, quantities  
43 or packing that an ignition by fire, friction, **【by】** concussion, **【by】**  
44 percussion, or **【by】** detonator of any part of the compound or  
45 mixture may cause such a sudden generation of highly heated gases  
46 that the resultant gaseous pressures are capable of producing  
47 destructive effects on contiguous objects or of destroying life or  
48 limb.

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

4 "Flammable liquid" means any liquid having a flash point below  
5 200 degrees Fahrenheit **[,]** and a vapor pressure not exceeding 40  
6 pounds.

7 "Gross weight" means the combined weight of a vehicle and a  
8 load thereon.

9 "High occupancy vehicle" or "HOV" means a vehicle which is  
10 used to transport two or more persons **[and shall include]** <sup>2</sup>  
11 including public transportation, car pool, van pool, and other  
12 vehicles, <sub>2</sub> as determined by regulation of the Department of  
13 Transportation.

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

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

19 "Inside lane" means the lane nearest the center line of the  
20 roadway.

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

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

27 "Leased limousine" means any limousine subject to regulation in  
28 the State which:

29 **[Is]** is offered for rental or lease, without a driver, to be operated  
30 by a limousine service as the lessee, for the purpose of carrying  
31 passengers for hire; and

32 **[Is]** is leased or rented for a period of one year or more  
33 following registration.

34 "Leased motor vehicle" means any motor vehicle subject to  
35 registration in this State which:

36 **[Is]** is offered for rental or lease, without a driver, to be operated  
37 by the lessee, **[his]** the lessee's agent or servant, for purposes other  
38 than the transportation of passengers for hire; and

39 **[Is]** is leased or rented for a period of one year or more  
40 following registration.

41 "Limited-access highway" means every highway, street, or  
42 roadway in respect to which owners or occupants of abutting lands  
43 and other persons have no legal right of access to or from **[the**  
44 **same]** <sup>2</sup> except at such points only and in such manner as may be  
45 determined by the public authority having jurisdiction over such  
46 highway, street, or roadway; and includes any highway designated  
47 as a "freeway" or "parkway" by authority of law.

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

5 "Low-speed electric bicycle" means a **two or three-wheeled**  
6 two-wheeled vehicle with fully operable pedals and an electric  
7 motor **of less than 750 watts, that meets the requirements of one of**  
8 **the following classifications: "class 1 low-speed electric bicycle"**  
9 **which means a low-speed electric bicycle equipped with a motor**  
10 **that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling, and that**  
11 **ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of**  
12 **20 miles per hour ; or "class 2 low-speed electric bicycle" which**  
13 **means a low-speed electric bicycle equipped with a motor that may**  
14 **be used exclusively to propel the bicycle, and that is not capable of**  
15 **providing assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles**  
16 **per hour**.

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

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

28 "Magistrate" means any municipal court and the Superior Court,  
29 and any officer having the powers of a committing magistrate and  
30 the chief administrator.

31 "Manufacturer" means a person engaged in the business of  
32 manufacturing or assembling motor vehicles, who will, under  
33 normal business conditions during the year, manufacture or  
34 assemble at least 10 new motor vehicles.

35 "Metal tire" means every tire, the surface of which in contact  
36 with the highway is wholly or partly made of metal or other hard  
37 nonresilient material.

38 "Mid-block crosswalk" means a crosswalk located away from an  
39 intersection, distinctly indicated by lines or markings on the  
40 surface.

41 "Motorized bicycle" means a pedal bicycle **having** that is  
42 equipped with: (1) a helper motor characterized in that either the  
43 maximum piston displacement is less than 50 [cc.] cubic  
44 centimeters or [said] the helper motor is rated at no more than 1.5  
45 brake horsepower [or] ; (2) an electric motor that can provide  
46 assistance when the rider is pedaling or that, through the use of a  
47 throttle, can be used to exclusively propel the bicycle to a speed of

1 not more than 15 miles per hour; (3) a helper motor that is powered  
2 by an electric drive motor **【and said bicycle is capable of】** that  
3 provides assistance when the rider is pedaling and has a maximum  
4 speed 【of no more than 25】 between 21 miles per hour and 28 miles  
5 per hour on a flat surface 【or a pedal bicycle having】 ; or (4) an  
6 electric motor that is capable of propelling the bicycle in excess of  
7 **【20】** 15 miles per hour through the use of a throttle with a  
8 maximum motor-powered speed of no more than 28 miles per hour  
9 on a flat surface. This term shall not include a low-speed electric  
10 bicycle or low-speed electric scooter, as those terms are defined in  
11 this section.

12 "Motorcycle" includes motorcycles, autocycles, motor bikes,  
13 **【bicycles with motor attached and】** electric motorized bicycles, all  
14 motor-operated vehicles of the bicycle or tricycle type, and bicycles  
15 with a motor attached, except motorized bicycles, low-speed  
16 electric bicycles, and low-speed electric scooters, as defined in this  
17 section, whether the motive power be a part thereof or attached  
18 thereto and having a saddle or seat with driver sitting astride or  
19 upon it or a platform on which the driver stands.

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

22 "Motor vehicle" includes all vehicles propelled otherwise than by  
23 muscular power, excepting such vehicles as run only upon rails or  
24 tracks, low-speed electric bicycles, low-speed electric scooters, and  
25 motorized bicycles.

26 "Motorized scooter" means a miniature motor vehicle and  
27 includes, but is not limited to, pocket bikes, super pocket bikes,  
28 scooters, mini-scooters, sport scooters, mini choppers, mini  
29 motorcycles, motorized skateboards, and other vehicles with motors  
30 not manufactured in compliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety  
31 Standards and which have no permanent Federal Safety  
32 Certification stickers affixed to the vehicle by the original  
33 manufacturer. This term shall not include: electric personal  
34 assistive mobility devices, motorized bicycles, low-speed vehicles,  
35 low-speed electric bicycles, or low-speed electric scooters or  
36 motorized wheelchairs, mobility scooters, or similar mobility  
37 assisting devices used by persons with physical disabilities or  
38 persons whose ambulatory mobility has been impaired by age or  
39 illness.

40 "Motorized skateboard" means a skateboard that is propelled  
41 otherwise than by muscular power.

42 "Motorized wheelchair" means any motor-driven wheelchair  
43 utilized to increase the independent mobility **【,】** in the activities of  
44 daily living **【,】** of an individual who has limited or no ambulation  
45 abilities and includes mobility scooters manufactured specifically  
46 for such purposes and designed primarily for indoor use.

1 "Noncommercial truck" means every motor vehicle designed  
2 primarily for transportation of property and which is not a  
3 "commercial vehicle."

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

8 "Omnibus" includes all motor vehicles used for the  
9 transportation of passengers for hire, except commuter vans and  
10 vehicles used in ridesharing arrangements and school buses if the  
11 same are not otherwise used in the transportation of passengers for  
12 hire.

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

15 "Outside lane" means the lane nearest the curb or outer edge of  
16 the roadway.

17 "Owner" means a person who holds the legal title of a vehicle or  
18 if a vehicle is the subject of an agreement for the conditional sale or  
19 lease thereof with the right of purchase upon performance of the  
20 conditions stated in the agreement and with an immediate right of  
21 possession vested in the conditional vendee or lessee [.] or if a  
22 mortgagor of a vehicle is entitled to possession, then the conditional  
23 vendee, lessee, or mortgagor shall be deemed the owner for the  
24 purpose of this subtitle.

25 "Parking" means the standing or waiting on a street, road, or  
26 highway of a vehicle not actually engaged in receiving or  
27 discharging passengers or merchandise, unless in obedience to  
28 traffic regulations or traffic signs or signals.

29 "Passenger automobile" means all automobiles used and  
30 designed for the transportation of passengers, other than omnibuses  
31 and school buses.

32 "Pedestrian" means a person afoot.

33 "Person" includes natural persons, firms, copartnerships,  
34 associations, and corporations.

35 "Plug-in electric vehicle" means a vehicle that has a battery, or  
36 an equivalent energy storage device, that can be charged from an  
37 electricity supply external to the vehicle with an electric plug. This  
38 term includes a plug-in hybrid electric vehicle.

39 "Plug-in hybrid electric vehicle" means a vehicle that can be  
40 charged from a source of electricity external to the vehicle through  
41 an electric plug, but is not exclusively powered by electricity.

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

44 "Pole trailer" means every vehicle without motive power  
45 designed to be drawn by another vehicle and attached to the towing  
46 vehicle by means of a reach, or pole, or by being boomed or  
47 otherwise secured to the towing vehicle and ordinarily used for  
48 transporting long or irregularly shaped loads, such as poles, pipes,

1 or structural members capable, generally, of sustaining themselves  
2 as beams between the supporting connections.

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

5 "Railroad train" means a steam engine, electric or other motor,  
6 with or without cars coupled thereto, operated upon rails, except  
7 street cars.

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

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

18 "REAL ID license" means any license to operate a motor vehicle  
19 issued by the commission that complies with the provisions of the  
20 "REAL ID Act of 2005," Pub.L.109-13, any acts amendatory or  
21 supplementary thereto, and any federal regulations adopted  
22 thereunder.

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

28 "REAL ID probationary license" means a probationary license  
29 issued by the commission that complies with the provisions of the  
30 "REAL ID Act of 2005," Pub.L.109-13, any acts amendatory or  
31 supplementary thereto, and any federal regulations adopted  
32 thereunder.

33 "Recreation vehicle" means a self-propelled or towed vehicle  
34 equipped to serve as temporary living quarters for recreational,  
35 camping, or travel purposes and used solely as a family or personal  
36 conveyance.

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

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

47 "Right-of-way" means the privilege of the immediate use of the  
48 highway.

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

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

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

14 "School bus" means every motor vehicle operated by, or under  
15 contract with, a public or governmental agency, or religious or other  
16 charitable organization or corporation, or privately operated for the  
17 transportation of children to or from school for secular or religious  
18 education, which complies with the regulations of the New Jersey  
19 Motor Vehicle Commission affecting school buses, including  
20 "School Vehicle Type I" and "School Vehicle Type II" as defined  
21 below:

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

32 "School Vehicle Type II" means any vehicle designed to  
33 transport less than 16 passengers, including the driver, used to  
34 transport enrolled children, and adults only when serving as  
35 chaperones, to or from a school, school-connected activity, day  
36 camp, summer day camp, summer residence camp, nursery school,  
37 child care center, preschool center, or other similar places of  
38 education. Such vehicle shall comply with the regulations of the  
39 New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission and either the Department  
40 of Education or the Department of Human Services, whichever is  
41 the appropriate supervising agency.

42 "School zone" means that portion of a highway which is either  
43 contiguous to territory occupied by a school building or is where  
44 school crossings are established in the vicinity of a school, upon  
45 which are maintained appropriate "school signs" in accordance with  
46 specifications adopted by the chief administrator and in accordance  
47 with law.

1 "School crossing" means that portion of a highway where school  
2 children are required to cross the highway in the vicinity of a  
3 school.

4 "Semitrailer" 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  
7 some part of its weight and that of its load rests upon or is carried  
8 by another vehicle.

9 "Shipper" means any person who shall deliver, or cause to be  
10 delivered, any commodity, produce, or article for transportation as  
11 the contents or load of a commercial motor vehicle. In the case of a  
12 sealed ocean container, "shipper" shall not be construed to include  
13 any person whose activities with respect to the shipment are limited  
14 to the solicitation or negotiation of the sale, resale, or exchange of  
15 the commodity, produce, or article within that container.

16 "Shoulder" means that portion of the highway, exclusive of and  
17 bordering the roadway, which is designed for emergency use but  
18 not ordinarily to be used for vehicular travel.

19 "Sidewalk" means that portion of a highway intended for the use  
20 of pedestrians between the curb line or the lateral line of a shoulder  
21 or, if none, the lateral line of the roadway and the adjacent right-of-  
22 way line.

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

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

26 "Solid tire" means every tire of rubber or other resilient material  
27 which does not depend upon compressed air for the support of the  
28 load.

29 "Standard" means, when used to describe any license to operate a  
30 motor vehicle or any identification card issued by the commission  
31 under the provisions of this Title, that the issuance of the license or  
32 identification card does not require proof of lawful presence in the  
33 United States.

34 "Street" means the same as highway.

35 "Street car" means a car, other than a railroad train, used for  
36 transporting persons or property and operated upon rails principally  
37 within a municipality.

38 "Stop," when required, means complete cessation from  
39 movement.

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

44 "Suburban business or residential district" means that portion of  
45 highway and the territory contiguous thereto, where within any  
46 1,320 feet along that highway there is land in use for business or  
47 residential purposes and that land occupies more than 660 feet of

1 frontage on one side or collectively more than 660 feet of frontage  
2 on both sides of that roadway.

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

7 "Trackless trolley" means every motor vehicle which is propelled  
8 by electric power obtained from overhead trolley wires but not  
9 operated upon rails.

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

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

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

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

22 "Truck tractor" means every motor vehicle designed and used  
23 primarily for drawing other vehicles and not so constructed as to  
24 carry a load other than a part of the weight of the vehicle and load  
25 so drawn.

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

29 "Vehicle" means every device in, upon, or by which a person or  
30 property is or may be transported upon a highway, excepting  
31 devices moved by human power or used exclusively upon stationary  
32 rails or tracks or low-speed electric bicycles, low-speed electric  
33 scooters, **【or】** and motorized bicycles.

34 (cf: P.L.2025, c.155, s.1)

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36 2. 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 low-speed electric bicycles and motorized  
41 bicycles. Any law enforcement officer investigating an accident in  
42 which a low-speed electric bicycle or motorized bicycle is involved  
43 shall report the accident to the **【Division of Motor Vehicles】** New  
44 Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission and to the Department of  
45 Transportation. **【Said】** The report shall include information  
46 relating to the cause of the accident and extent of injury, if any, to  
47 the operator and such other information as may be required.

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

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

3       2. a. A low-speed electric bicycle or low-speed electric  
4 scooter, as defined in R.S.39:1-1, may be operated on the streets,  
5 highways, roadways, and bicycle paths of this State, except as  
6 otherwise provided in this section, section 2 of P.L.1975, c.250  
7 (C.39:4-14.3), section 9 of P.L.1983, c.105 (C.39:4-14.3i), and P.L. ,  
8 c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), and may  
9 be parked on a sidewalk provided that the low-speed electric  
10 bicycle or low-speed electric scooter does not impede the normal  
11 movement of pedestrian or other traffic upon the sidewalk.

12       b. On and after January 1, 2019, manufacturers and distributors  
13 of low-speed electric bicycles shall apply a label that is permanently  
14 affixed, in a prominent location, to each low-speed electric bicycle.  
15 The label shall contain the classification number, top assisted speed,  
16 and motor wattage of the low-speed electric bicycle **【,】** and shall be  
17 printed in Arial font in at least 9-point type.

18       c. A person shall not tamper with or modify a low-speed  
19 electric bicycle so as to change the motor-powered speed capability  
20 or engagement of a low-speed electric bicycle **【,** unless that person  
21 appropriately replaces the label indicating the classification  
22 required in subsection b. of this section **】**.

23       d. A low-speed electric bicycle or low-speed electric scooter  
24 may be operated on bicycle paths, except that a local government  
25 entity or State agency may prohibit the operation of low-speed  
26 electric bicycles or low-speed electric scooters on bicycle paths  
27 under its jurisdiction.

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

34       f. (1) The operator of a **【low-speed electric bicycle or】** low-  
35 speed electric scooter shall not be required to register the **【low-**  
36 **speed electric bicycle or】** low-speed electric scooter **【,** furnish  
37 proof of insurance,**】** or have a driver's license.

38       (2) The operator of a low-speed electric bicycle shall be  
39 required to register the low-speed electric bicycle and have a  
40 driver's license to operate the low-speed electric bicycle pursuant to  
41 section 2 of P.L.1975, c.250 (C.39:4-14.3).

42       g. Except as otherwise provided by this section, section 2 of  
43 P.L.1975, c.250 (C.39:4-14.3), section 9 of P.L.1983, c.105 (C.39:4-  
44 14.3i), and P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as  
45 this bill), all statutes, including the provisions of chapter 4 of Title  
46 39 of the Revised Statutes, rules, and regulations applicable to  
47 bicycles, as defined in section 1 of P.L.1991, c.465 (C.39:4-10.1),

1 shall apply to low-speed electric bicycles and low-speed electric  
2 scooters, except those provisions which by their very nature may  
3 have no application to low-speed electric bicycles or low-speed  
4 electric scooters.

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

8 i. No person shall operate a low-speed electric bicycle from dusk  
9 to dawn without a reflector installed on the low-speed electric bicycle.

10 j. No person shall sell, or offer for sale, modification kits  
11 designed to turn a low-speed electric bicycle into a motorized bicycle  
12 or an electric motorized bicycle.

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

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15 4. (New section) a. As used in this section, “pedestrian” means  
16 any person who is not occupying, entering into, or alighting from a  
17 vehicle propelled by other than muscular power and designed  
18 primarily for use on highways, rails, and tracks. “Pedestrian” shall  
19 include any person operating a bicycle or low-speed electric  
20 bicycle, as those terms are defined in R.S.39:1-1.

21 b. If a pedestrian is involved in an accident resulting in injury  
22 or death to the pedestrian, the injury or death shall be covered by  
23 the pedestrian’s personal injury coverage in accordance with section  
24 4 of P.L.1972, c.70 (C.39:6A-4).

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

28 2. a. Motorized bicycles shall not be operated upon interstate  
29 highways or upon public highways divided by a grass or concrete  
30 median or highways with posted speed limits in excess of 50 miles  
31 per hour or upon the railroad or right-of-way of an operating  
32 railroad within the State of New Jersey or upon any public land  
33 where expressly prohibited by the governing body, department or  
34 agency having jurisdiction thereof.

35 The commissioner is authorized to adopt regulations either  
36 prohibiting the operation of motorized bicycles on any public road  
37 or highway with a speed limit in excess of 40 miles per hour, which,  
38 in **his** the commissioner’s discretion, are hazardous for the  
39 operation of motorized bicycles or permitting the operation of  
40 motorized bicycles on any public road or highway, upon which the  
41 operation of motorized bicycles is otherwise prohibited by the  
42 provisions of this section, which in **his** the commissioner’s  
43 discretion, are safe for the operation of motorized bicycles. In no  
44 case, however, shall the commissioner adopt a regulation permitting  
45 motorized bicycles to be operated on any highway with a posted  
46 speed in excess of 50 miles per hour.

47 b. No municipality shall limit or otherwise restrict the  
48 operation of motorized bicycles on any public roads or highways

1 under its jurisdiction in contravention of the provisions of this act  
2 or any regulations adopted by the director pursuant thereto.

3 c. **Motorized bicycles shall not be operated by a** (1) No  
4 person who is under 15 years of age shall be permitted to operate a  
5 low-speed electric bicycle or motorized bicycle.

6 (2) No person who is 17 years of age or older shall be permitted to  
7 operate a low-speed electric bicycle or motorized bicycle, unless the  
8 person shall be in possession of a valid basic driver's license or a valid  
9 motorized bicycle license or permit.

10 (3) No person who is 15 years of age or older but under the age of  
11 17 shall be permitted to operate a low-speed electric bicycle or  
12 motorized bicycle, unless the person shall be in possession of a valid  
13 motorized bicycle license or permit issued pursuant to subsection d. of  
14 this section.

15 (4) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the operator  
16 of a low-speed electric bicycle shall not be required to be in possession  
17 of a valid basic driver's license or valid motorized bicycle license or  
18 permit if the operator is renting a low-speed electric bicycle from a  
19 company operating shared low-speed electric bicycles under a contract  
20 with a local government, provided that the company requires the  
21 operator to be 16 years of age or older.

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

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

41 The administrator may, in **his** the administrator's discretion,  
42 issue a learner's permit to a person 15 years of age or older, upon  
43 proof of identity and date of birth, allowing such person, for the  
44 purpose of fitting **himself** the person to become **a motorized**  
45 **bicycle driver** licensed to operate a low-speed electric bicycle or  
46 motorized bicycle, to operate a low-speed electric bicycle or  
47 motorized bicycle during daylight hours without supervision for a

1 period not to exceed 45 days. The permit shall be sufficient license  
2 for the person to operate a low-speed electric bicycle or motorized  
3 bicycle. No permit shall be issued unless the person applying  
4 therefor shall pay the sum of ~~[\$5.00]~~ \$5 to the commission ~~[,]~~ or  
5 an officer, employee or agent of the commission.

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

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

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

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

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

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39 6. Section 9 of P.L.1983, c.105 (C.39:4-14.3i) is amended to  
40 read as follows:

41 In addition to the requirements of section 2 of P.L.1975, c. 250  
42 (C. 39:4-14.3) ~~[and]~~ , P.L.1977, c. 267 (C. 39:4-14.3a et seq.), and  
43 section 2 of P.L.2019, c.121 (C.39:4-14.16), no low-speed electric  
44 bicycle or motorized bicycle, as those terms are defined by R.S.  
45 39:1-1, shall be operated on the public highways or on public lands  
46 of this State unless registered by the owner thereof as provided by  
47 this act and P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as

1 this bill). The **【Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles in the**  
2 **Department of Law and Public Safety】** Chief Administrator of the  
3 New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission is authorized to grant a  
4 registration to the owner of a low-speed electric bicycle or  
5 motorized bicycle who is at least 15 years of age, provided that the  
6 application for registration has been properly made, the registration  
7 fee has been paid, and the motorized bicycle is of a type approved  
8 by the **【director】** chief administrator.

9 The form and contents of the registration certificate shall be  
10 prescribed by the **【director】** chief administrator. The **【director】**  
11 chief administrator shall maintain a record of all registration  
12 certificates issued and their contents.

13 The registration shall expire and the registration certificate shall  
14 become void on the last day of the 11th calendar month following  
15 the calendar month in which the certificate was issued, except that  
16 the **【director】** chief administrator may suspend or revoke a  
17 registration for any violation of this act or any of the rules  
18 promulgated hereunder.

19 The **【director】** chief administrator shall issue registration  
20 certificates for the following registration period, on and after the  
21 first day of the calendar month immediately preceding the  
22 commencement of the registration period, the registration  
23 certificates to be effective immediately.

24 Application forms for all renewals of registrations for low-speed  
25 electric bicycles and motorized bicycles shall be mailed by the  
26 **【director】** chief administrator from the division to the last address  
27 of the owner of a motorized bicycle as it appears on the records of  
28 the **【division】** New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission.

29 (cf: P.L.1983, c.105, s.9)

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31 7. (New section) a. The New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission  
32 shall make registration forms for low-speed electric bicycles and  
33 motorized bicycles available at all commission agency locations and  
34 on the commission's Internet website. Additionally, all sellers of low-  
35 speed electric bicycles, motorized bicycles, and electric motorized  
36 bicycles shall make the applicable registration forms available to  
37 individuals purchasing such bicycles. The form and content of the  
38 registration forms for low-speed electric bicycles and motorized  
39 bicycles shall conform to the requirements established by the rules and  
40 regulations adopted by the chief administrator pursuant to section 9 of  
41 P.L.1983, c.105 (C.39:4-14.3i).

42 b. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection a. of this  
43 section, section 2 of P.L.1975, c.250 (C.39:4-14.3), and section 2 of  
44 P.L.2019, c.121 (C.39:4-14.16), a company operating shared low-  
45 speed electric bicycles under a contract with a local government  
46 may provide the serial number or other identifying numbers of each  
47 low-speed electric bicycle owned by the company to the

1 commission on a quarterly basis in lieu of registering each shared  
2 low-speed electric bicycle.

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4 8. (New section) a. The Chief Administrator of the New Jersey  
5 Motor Vehicle Commission may accept as proof of ownership an  
6 affidavit from the owner of a low-speed electric bicycle or  
7 motorized bicycle if:

8 (1) the low-speed electric bicycle or motorized bicycle was not  
9 required to be registered in this State prior to the effective date of  
10 P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill);

11 (2) the low-speed electric bicycle or motorized bicycle was  
12 purchased prior to the effective date of P.L. , c. (C. )  
13 (pending before the Legislature as this bill);

14 (3) there is no bill of sale or other formal proof of ownership  
15 available for the low-speed electric bicycle or motorized bicycle;  
16 and

17 (4) the affidavit sets forth with reasonable specificity the  
18 acquisition of ownership of the low-speed electric bicycle or  
19 motorized bicycle, together with any supporting documents, as  
20 proof of ownership of the low-speed electric bicycle or motorized  
21 bicycle.

22 b. It shall be a crime of the fourth degree for a person to  
23 knowingly submit a false bill of sale, false receipt of purchase, or  
24 any other false proof of ownership, or to knowingly submit any  
25 false affidavit or false supporting document regarding proof of  
26 ownership of a low-speed electric bicycle or motorized bicycle.

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28 9. (New section) a. Following the effective date of P.L. ,  
29 c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), the New  
30 Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission and the Department of  
31 Transportation shall prepare and submit an annual report to the  
32 Legislature, pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-  
33 19.1), concerning all information collected regarding the  
34 registration of motorized bicycles in this State since 2019.

35 b. One year following the effective date of P.L. ,  
36 c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill) and  
37 annually thereafter, the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission and  
38 the Department of Transportation shall prepare and submit an  
39 annual report to the Legislature, pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991,  
40 c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), concerning the registration of low-speed  
41 electric bicycles and motorized bicycles in the State. The report  
42 shall include, but not be limited to:

43 (1) the number of low-speed electric bicycles and motorized  
44 bicycles registered in the State;

45 (2) the revenue generated by the fees collected and any civil  
46 penalties assessed pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1975, c.250 (C.39:4-  
47 14.3); and

1 (3) the number of registered low-speed electric bicycles and  
2 motorized bicycles disaggregated by the owner of record's county  
3 of residence.  
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5 10. (New section) Notwithstanding any law, rule, or regulation to  
6 the contrary, for one year following the effective date of P.L. ,  
7 c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), the New  
8 Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission shall waive all examination,  
9 registration, and licensing fees required pursuant to P.L. ,  
10 c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill) for the  
11 operation of low-speed electric bicycles and motorized bicycles.  
12

13 11. (New section) A person shall have six months following the  
14 effective date of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the  
15 Legislature as this bill) to obtain:

16 a. insurance for a motorized bicycle that was not required to  
17 have insurance prior to the effective date of P.L. , c. (C. )  
18 (pending before the Legislature as this bill);

19 b. a registration certificate for a low-speed electric bicycle or  
20 motorized bicycle that was not required to be registered prior to the  
21 effective date of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the  
22 Legislature as this bill); and

23 c. a license to operate a low-speed electric bicycle or motorized  
24 bicycle if the person was not required to obtain a license to operate  
25 these bicycles prior to the effective date of P.L. , c. (C. )  
26 (pending before the Legislature as this bill).  
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28 12. (New section) Notwithstanding any law, rule, or regulation to  
29 the contrary, for one year following the effective date of P.L. ,  
30 c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), no person  
31 shall sell, or offer for sale, on the Internet any electric motorized  
32 bicycle as defined in R.S.39:1-1.  
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34 13. This act shall take effect immediately, except that section 4  
35 shall take effect on the first day of the 12th month next following  
36 the date of enactment and shall apply to every standard automobile  
37 insurance policy issued or renewed on or after that date. The Chief  
38 Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission may  
39 take any anticipatory administrative action in advance as shall be  
40 necessary for the implementation of this act.