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SYNOPSIS

Regulates certain electric bicycles.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As amended by the General Assembly on January 12, 2026.



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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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10 apparent from the language or context, or unless inconsistent with
11 the manifest intention of the Legislature:

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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 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, 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.

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38 Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission.

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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.

**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.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly floor amendments adopted January 12, 2026.

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

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

1 "Flammable liquid" means any liquid having a flash point below
2 200 degrees Fahrenheit **【,】** and a vapor pressure not exceeding 40
3 pounds.

4 "Gross weight" means the combined weight of a vehicle and a
5 load thereon.

6 "High occupancy vehicle" or "HOV" means a vehicle which is
7 used to transport two or more persons **【and shall include】** ,
8 including public transportation, car pool, van pool, and other
9 vehicles, as determined by regulation of the Department of
10 Transportation.

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

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

16 "Inside lane" means the lane nearest the center line of the
17 roadway.

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

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

24 "Leased limousine" means any limousine subject to regulation in
25 the State which:

26 a. **【Is】** is offered for rental or lease, without a driver, to be
27 operated by a limousine service as the lessee, for the purpose of
28 carrying passengers for hire; and

29 b. **【Is】** is leased or rented for a period of one year or more
30 following registration.

31 "Leased motor vehicle" means any motor vehicle subject to
32 registration in this State which:

33 a. **【Is】** is offered for rental or lease, without a driver, to be
34 operated by the lessee, **【his】** the lessee's agent or servant, for
35 purposes other than the transportation of passengers for hire; and

36 b. **【Is】** is leased or rented for a period of one year or more
37 following registration.

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

45 "Local authorities" means every county, municipal, and other
46 local board or body having authority to adopt local police

1 regulations under the Constitution and laws of this State, including
2 every county governing body with relation to county roads.

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

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

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

22 "Magistrate" means any municipal court and the Superior Court,
23 and any officer having the powers of a committing magistrate and
24 the chief administrator.

25 "Manufacturer" means a person engaged in the business of
26 manufacturing or assembling motor vehicles, who will, under
27 normal business conditions during the year, manufacture or
28 assemble at least 10 new motor vehicles.

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

32 "Mid-block crosswalk" means a crosswalk located away from an
33 intersection, distinctly indicated by lines or markings on the
34 surface.

35 "Motorized bicycle" means a pedal bicycle that is equipped with:
36 (1) [having] a helper motor characterized in that either the
37 maximum piston displacement is less than 50 cc. cubic
38 centimeters or said the helper motor is rated at no more than 1.5
39 brake horsepower or; (2) an electric motor that can provide
40 assistance when the rider is pedaling or that, through the use of a
41 throttle, can be used to exclusively propel the bicycle to a speed of
42 not more than 15 miles per hour; (3) a helper motor that is powered
43 by an electric drive motor [and said bicycle is capable of] that

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

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

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

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

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

38 "Motorized skateboard" means a skateboard that is propelled
39 otherwise than by muscular power.

40 "Motorized wheelchair" means any motor-driven wheelchair
41 utilized to increase the independent mobility **[,]** in the activities of
42 daily living **[,]** of an individual who has limited or no ambulation
43 abilities **[,]** and includes mobility scooters manufactured
44 specifically for such purposes and designed primarily for indoor
45 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
18 ~~[,]~~ or if a vehicle is the subject of an agreement for the conditional
19 sale or lease thereof with the right of purchase upon performance of
20 the conditions stated in the agreement and with an immediate right
21 of 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 "Pedicab" means a wheeled device that: (1) contains three or
34 more wheels; (2) is designed to transport passengers and be
35 propelled by muscular power using pedals; (3) is designed to
36 accommodate no more than 15 passengers in addition to the driver;
37 (4) is operated for hire; and (5) if equipped with a motor, is
38 equipped with an electric motor ~~[that meets the classifications of a~~
39 ~~class 1 or class 2 low-speed electric bicycle]~~ of less than 750 watts
40 that provides assistance only when the driver is pedaling and that
41 ceases to provide assistance when the wheeled device reaches the
42 speed of 20 miles per hour; or an electric motor of less than 750
43 watts that may be used exclusively to propel the wheeled device and
44 that is not capable of providing assistance when the wheeled device
45 reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour. A pedicab shall not be
46 considered a motor vehicle or a motorcycle.

47 "Person" includes natural persons, firms, copartnerships,
48 associations, and corporations.

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

3 "Pole trailer" means every vehicle without motive power
4 designed to be drawn by another vehicle and attached to the towing
5 vehicle by means of a reach, or pole, or by being boomed or
6 otherwise secured to the towing vehicle, and ordinarily used for
7 transporting long or irregularly shaped loads, such as poles, pipes,
8 or structural members capable, generally, of sustaining themselves
9 as beams between the supporting connections.

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

12 "Railroad train" means a steam engine, electric or other motor,
13 with or without cars coupled thereto, operated upon rails, except
14 street cars.

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

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

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

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

35 "REAL ID probationary license" means a probationary license
36 issued by the commission that complies with the provisions of the
37 "REAL ID Act of 2005," **[P.L.109-13]** Pub.L.109-13, any acts
38 amendatory or supplementary thereto, and any federal regulations
39 adopted thereunder.

40 "Recreation vehicle" means a self-propelled or towed vehicle
41 equipped to serve as temporary living quarters for recreational,
42 camping, or travel purposes and used solely as a family or personal
43 conveyance.

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

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

6 "Right-of-way" means the privilege of the immediate use of the
7 highway.

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

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

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

21 "School bus" means every motor vehicle operated by, or under
22 contract with, a public or governmental agency, or religious or other
23 charitable organization or corporation, or privately operated for the
24 transportation of children to or from school for secular or religious
25 education, which complies with the regulations of the New Jersey
26 Motor Vehicle Commission affecting school buses, including
27 "School Vehicle Type I" and "School Vehicle Type II" as defined
28 below:

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

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

1 "School zone" means that portion of a highway which is either
2 contiguous to territory occupied by a school building or is where
3 school crossings are established in the vicinity of a school, upon
4 which are maintained appropriate "school signs" in accordance with
5 specifications adopted by the chief administrator and in accordance
6 with law.

7 "School crossing" means that portion of a highway where school
8 children are required to cross the highway in the vicinity of a
9 school.

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

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

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

25 "Sidewalk" means that portion of a highway intended for the use
26 of pedestrians, between the curb line or the lateral line of a
27 shoulder, or if none, the lateral line of the roadway and the adjacent
28 right-of-way line.

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

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

32 "Solid tire" means every tire of rubber or other resilient material
33 which does not depend upon compressed air for the support of the
34 load.

35 "Standard" means, when used to describe any license to operate a
36 motor vehicle or any identification card issued by the commission
37 under the provisions of this Title, that the issuance of the license or
38 identification card does not require proof of lawful presence in the
39 United States.

40 "Street" means the same as highway.

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

44 "Stop," when required, means complete cessation from
45 movement.

46 "Stopping or standing," when prohibited, means any cessation of
47 movement of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, except when

1 necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with
2 the directions of a police officer or traffic control sign or signal.

3 "Suburban business or residential district" means that portion of
4 highway and the territory contiguous thereto, where within any
5 1,320 feet along that highway there is land in use for business or
6 residential purposes and that land occupies more than 660 feet of
7 frontage on one side or collectively more than 660 feet of frontage
8 on both sides of that roadway.

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

13 "Trackless trolley" means every motor vehicle which is propelled
14 by electric power obtained from overhead trolley wires but not
15 operated upon rails.

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

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

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

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

28 "Truck tractor" means every motor vehicle designed and used
29 primarily for drawing other vehicles and not so constructed as to
30 carry a load other than a part of the weight of the vehicle and load
31 so drawn.

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

35 "Vehicle" means every device in, upon, or by which a person or
36 property is or may be transported upon a highway, excepting
37 devices moved by human power or used exclusively upon stationary
38 rails or tracks or low-speed electric bicycles, low-speed electric
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40 (cf: P.L.2022, c.16, s.2) **I**¹

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16 than 750 watts that is capable of reaching a speed greater than 28
17 miles per hour.

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

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

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

35 "Flammable liquid" means any liquid having a flash point below
36 200 degrees Fahrenheit 【,】 and a vapor pressure not exceeding 40
37 pounds.

38 "Gross weight" means the combined weight of a vehicle and a
39 load thereon.

40 "High occupancy vehicle" or "HOV" means a vehicle which is
41 used to transport two or more persons 【and shall include】,
42 including public transportation, car pool, van pool, and other
43 vehicles, as determined by regulation of the Department of
44 Transportation.

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

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

3 "Inside lane" means the lane nearest the center line of the
4 roadway.

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

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

11 "Leased limousine" means any limousine subject to regulation in
12 the State which:

13 ~~【Is】 is~~ offered for rental or lease, without a driver, to be operated
14 by a limousine service as the lessee, for the purpose of carrying
15 passengers for hire; and

16 ~~【Is】 is~~ leased or rented for a period of one year or more
17 following registration.

18 "Leased motor vehicle" means any motor vehicle subject to
19 registration in this State which:

20 ~~【Is】 is~~ offered for rental or lease, without a driver, to be operated
21 by the lessee, ~~【his】 the lessee's~~ agent or servant, for purposes other
22 than the transportation of passengers for hire; and

23 ~~【Is】 is~~ leased or rented for a period of one year or more
24 following registration.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 "Motorized bicycle" means a pedal bicycle 【having】 that is
26 equipped with: (1) a helper motor characterized in that either the
27 maximum piston displacement is less than 50 【cc.】 cubic
28 centimeters or 【said】 the helper motor is rated at no more than 1.5
29 brake horsepower 【or】 ; (2) an electric motor that can provide
30 assistance when the rider is pedaling or that, through the use of a
31 throttle, can be used to exclusively propel the bicycle to a speed of
32 not more than 15 miles per hour; (3) a helper motor that is powered
33 by an electric drive motor 【and said bicycle is capable of】 that
34 provides assistance when the rider is pedaling and has a maximum
35 speed 【of no more than 25】 between 21 miles per hour and 28 miles
36 per hour on a flat surface 【or a pedal bicycle having】 ; or (4) an
37 electric motor that is capable of propelling the bicycle in excess of
38 【20】 15 miles per hour through the use of a throttle with a
39 maximum motor-powered speed of no more than 28 miles per hour
40 on a flat surface. This term shall not include a low-speed electric
41 bicycle or low-speed electric scooter, as those terms are defined in
42 this section.

43 "Motorcycle" includes motorcycles, autocycles, motor bikes,
44 【bicycles with motor attached and】 electric motorized bicycles, all
45 motor-operated vehicles of the bicycle or tricycle type, and bicycles
46 with a motor attached, except motorized bicycles, low-speed
47 electric bicycles, and low-speed electric scooters, as defined in this

1 section, whether the motive power be a part thereof or attached
2 thereto and having a saddle or seat with driver sitting astride or
3 upon it or a platform on which the driver stands.

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

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

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

24 "Motorized skateboard" means a skateboard that is propelled
25 otherwise than by muscular power.

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

31 "Noncommercial truck" means every motor vehicle designed
32 primarily for transportation of property and which is not a
33 "commercial vehicle."

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

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

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

45 "Outside lane" means the lane nearest the curb or outer edge of
46 the roadway.

47 "Owner" means a person who holds the legal title of a vehicle or
48 if a vehicle is the subject of an agreement for the conditional sale or

1 lease thereof with the right of purchase upon performance of the
2 conditions stated in the agreement and with an immediate right of
3 possession vested in the conditional vendee or lessee **I, I** or if a
4 mortgagor of a vehicle is entitled to possession, then the conditional
5 vendee, lessee, or mortgagor shall be deemed the owner for the
6 purpose of this subtitle.

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

11 "Passenger automobile" means all automobiles used and
12 designed for the transportation of passengers, other than omnibuses
13 and school buses.

14 "Pedestrian" means a person afoot.

15 "Person" includes natural persons, firms, copartnerships,
16 associations, and corporations.

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

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

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

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

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

35 "Railroad train" means a steam engine, electric or other motor,
36 with or without cars coupled thereto, operated upon rails, except
37 street cars.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

30 "Right-of-way" means the privilege of the immediate use of the
31 highway.

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

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

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

45 "School bus" means every motor vehicle operated by, or under
46 contract with, a public or governmental agency, or religious or other
47 charitable organization or corporation, or privately operated for the
48 transportation of children to or from school for secular or religious

1 education, which complies with the regulations of the New Jersey
2 Motor Vehicle Commission affecting school buses, including
3 "School Vehicle Type I" and "School Vehicle Type II" as defined
4 below:

5 "School Vehicle Type I" means any vehicle designed to transport
6 16 or more passengers, including the driver, used to transport
7 enrolled children, and adults only when serving as chaperones, to or
8 from a school, school-connected activity, day camp, summer day
9 camp, summer residence camp, nursery school, child care center,
10 preschool center, or other similar places of education. Such vehicle
11 shall comply with the regulations of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle
12 Commission and either the Department of Education or the
13 Department of Human Services, whichever is the appropriate
14 supervising agency.

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

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

31 "School crossing" means that portion of a highway where school
32 children are required to cross the highway in the vicinity of a
33 school.

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

39 "Shipper" means any person who shall deliver, or cause to be
40 delivered, any commodity, produce, or article for transportation as
41 the contents or load of a commercial motor vehicle. In the case of a
42 sealed ocean container, "shipper" shall not be construed to include
43 any person whose activities with respect to the shipment are limited
44 to the solicitation or negotiation of the sale, resale, or exchange of
45 the commodity, produce, or article within that container.

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

1 "Sidewalk" means that portion of a highway intended for the use
2 of pedestrians between the curb line or the lateral line of a shoulder
3 or, if none, the lateral line of the roadway and the adjacent right-of-
4 way line.

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

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

8 "Solid tire" means every tire of rubber or other resilient material
9 which does not depend upon compressed air for the support of the
10 load.

11 "Standard" means, when used to describe any license to operate a
12 motor vehicle or any identification card issued by the commission
13 under the provisions of this Title, that the issuance of the license or
14 identification card does not require proof of lawful presence in the
15 United States.

16 "Street" means the same as highway.

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

20 "Stop," when required, means complete cessation from
21 movement.

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

26 "Suburban business or residential district" means that portion of
27 highway and the territory contiguous thereto, where within any
28 1,320 feet along that highway there is land in use for business or
29 residential purposes and that land occupies more than 660 feet of
30 frontage on one side or collectively more than 660 feet of frontage
31 on both sides of that roadway.

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

36 "Trackless trolley" means every motor vehicle which is propelled
37 by electric power obtained from overhead trolley wires but not
38 operated upon rails.

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

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

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

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

3 "Truck tractor" means every motor vehicle designed and used
4 primarily for drawing other vehicles and not so constructed as to
5 carry a load other than a part of the weight of the vehicle and load
6 so drawn.

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

10 "Vehicle" means every device in, upon, or by which a person or
11 property is or may be transported upon a highway, excepting
12 devices moved by human power or used exclusively upon stationary
13 rails or tracks or low-speed electric bicycles, low-speed electric
14 scooters, or and motorized bicycles.¹

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

16

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

19 8. Article 15 of chapter 4 of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes
20 pertaining to accidents and reports shall be applicable to all
21 accidents involving low-speed electric bicycles and motorized
22 bicycles. Any law enforcement officer investigating an accident in
23 which a low-speed electric bicycle or motorized bicycle is involved
24 shall report the accident to the Division of Motor Vehicles New
25 Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission and to the Department of
26 Transportation. Said The report shall include information
27 relating to the cause of the accident and extent of injury, if any, to
28 the operator and such other information as may be required.

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

30

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

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

42 b. On and after January 1, 2019, manufacturers and distributors
43 of low-speed electric bicycles shall apply a label that is permanently
44 affixed, in a prominent location, to each low-speed electric bicycle.
45 The label shall contain the classification number, top assisted speed,
46 and motor wattage of the low-speed electric bicycle l, and shall be
47 printed in Arial font in at least 9-point type.

1 c. A person shall not tamper with or modify a low-speed
2 electric bicycle so as to change the motor-powered speed capability
3 or engagement of a low-speed electric bicycle **[**, unless that person
4 appropriately replaces the label indicating the classification
5 required in subsection b. of this section**]**.

6 d. A low-speed electric bicycle or low-speed electric scooter
7 may be operated on bicycle paths, except that a local government
8 entity or State agency may prohibit the operation of low-speed
9 electric bicycles or low-speed electric scooters on bicycle paths
10 under its jurisdiction.

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

17 f. (1) The operator of a **[low-speed electric bicycle or]** low-
18 speed electric scooter shall not be required to register the **[low-**
19 **speed electric bicycle or]** low-speed electric scooter **[**, furnish
20 proof of insurance, **]** or have a driver's license.

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

25 g. Except as otherwise provided by this section, section 2 of
26 P.L.1975, c.250 (C.39:4-14.3), section 9 of P.L.1983, c.105 (C.39:4-
27 14.3i), and P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as
28 this bill), all statutes, including the provisions of chapter 4 of Title
29 39 of the Revised Statutes, rules, and regulations applicable to
30 bicycles, as defined in section 1 of P.L.1991, c.465 (C.39:4-10.1),
31 shall apply to low-speed electric bicycles and low-speed electric
32 scooters, except those provisions which by their very nature may
33 have no application to low-speed electric bicycles or low-speed
34 electric scooters.

35 h. A **[low-speed electric bicycle or]** low-speed electric scooter
36 shall be considered a motor vehicle to the extent required by 23
37 U.S.C. s.154.

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

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

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

44

45 4. (New section) a. As used in this section, "pedestrian" means
46 any person who is not occupying, entering into, or alighting from a
47 vehicle propelled by other than muscular power and designed

1 primarily for use on highways, rails, and tracks. "Pedestrian" shall
2 include any person operating a bicycle ¹ [,] or¹ low-speed electric
3 bicycle, ¹ [or low-speed electric scooter,]¹ as those terms are
4 defined in R.S.39:1-1.

5 b. If a pedestrian is involved in an accident resulting in injury
6 or death to the pedestrian, the injury or death shall be covered by
7 the pedestrian's personal injury coverage in accordance with section
8 4 of P.L.1972, c.70 (C.39:6A-4).

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

12 2. a. Motorized bicycles shall not be operated upon interstate
13 highways or upon public highways divided by a grass or concrete
14 median or highways with posted speed limits in excess of 50 miles
15 per hour or upon the railroad or right-of-way of an operating
16 railroad within the State of New Jersey or upon any public land
17 where expressly prohibited by the governing body, department or
18 agency having jurisdiction thereof.

19 The commissioner is authorized to adopt regulations either
20 prohibiting the operation of motorized bicycles on any public road
21 or highway with a speed limit in excess of 40 miles per hour, which,
22 in [this] the commissioner's discretion, are hazardous for the
23 operation of motorized bicycles or permitting the operation of
24 motorized bicycles on any public road or highway, upon which the
25 operation of motorized bicycles is otherwise prohibited by the
26 provisions of this section, which in [this] the commissioner's
27 discretion, are safe for the operation of motorized bicycles. In no
28 case, however, shall the commissioner adopt a regulation permitting
29 motorized bicycles to be operated on any highway with a posted
30 speed in excess of 50 miles per hour.

31 b. No municipality shall limit or otherwise restrict the
32 operation of motorized bicycles on any public roads or highways
33 under its jurisdiction in contravention of the provisions of this act
34 or any regulations adopted by the director pursuant thereto.

35 c. [Motorized bicycles shall not be operated by a] (1) No
36 person who is under 15 years of age shall be permitted to operate a
37 low-speed electric bicycle or motorized bicycle.

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

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

1 (4) Notwithstanding 'anything to' the '[foregoing] contrary
2 herein' , the operator of a low-speed electric bicycle shall not be
3 required to be in possession of a valid basic driver's license or valid
4 motorized bicycle license or permit if the operator is renting a low-
5 speed electric bicycle from a company operating shared low-speed
6 electric bicycles under a contract with a local government, provided
7 that the company requires the operator to be 16 years of age or
8 older.

9 d. No person shall operate a low-speed electric bicycle or
10 motorized bicycle unless [he is] the person shall be in possession
11 of a valid driver's license of any class or a motorized bicycle
12 license, which shall be issued by the commission to any person who
13 is 15 years of age or older, upon proof of identity and date of birth,
14 and after [he] the person has passed a satisfactory examination as
15 to [his] the person's ability as an operator. Such examination shall
16 include a test of the applicant's knowledge of [such portions of] the
17 [mechanism] mechanisms of low-speed electric bicycles and
18 motorized bicycles as is necessary to [insure their] ensure the safe
19 operation and of the laws and ordinary usages of the road and a
20 demonstration of [his] the person's ability to operate a low-speed
21 electric bicycle or motorized bicycle.

22 The demonstration of an applicant's ability to operate a low-
23 speed electric bicycle or motorized bicycle shall be administered at
24 such municipalities that the commission shall designate, under the
25 supervision of the commission, or an officer, employee, or
26 authorized agent of the commission, in accordance with rules and
27 regulations promulgated by the commission.

28 The administrator may, in [his] the administrator's discretion,
29 issue a learner's permit to a person 15 years of age or older, upon
30 proof of identity and date of birth, allowing such person, for the
31 purpose of fitting [himself] the person to become [a motorized
32 bicycle driver] licensed to operate a low-speed electric bicycle or
33 motorized bicycle, to operate a low-speed electric bicycle or
34 motorized bicycle during daylight hours without supervision for a
35 period not to exceed 45 days. The permit shall be sufficient license
36 for the person to operate a low-speed electric bicycle or motorized
37 bicycle. No permit shall be issued unless the person applying
38 therefor shall pay the sum of [\$5.00] \$5 to the commission [,] or
39 an officer, employee or agent of the commission.

40 e. The valid driver's license, the insurance identification card,
41 and the registration certificate shall be in the possession of the
42 operator at all times when [he is] operating a motorized bicycle or
43 low-speed electric bicycle with motor engaged on the highways of
44 this State. The operator of a low-speed electric bicycle and
45 motorized bicycle shall exhibit [his] the operator's driver's license
46 when requested to do so by any police officer or magistrate, while

1 in the performance of the duties of his such office and shall write
2 his the operator's name in the presence of the officer, so that the
3 officer may thereby determine the identity of the licensee and at the
4 same time determine the correctness of the registration certificate,
5 as it relates to the registration number and number plates of the low-
6 speed electric bicycle or motorized bicycle for which it was issued
7 and the correctness of the evidence of a policy of insurance, as it
8 relates to the coverage of the motorized bicycle for which it was
9 issued. Any person violating this subsection shall be subject to a
10 fine not exceeding [\$50.00] \$50.

11 If a person charged with a violation of this subsection can exhibit
12 his the person's valid driver's license, insurance identification
13 card, and registration certificate, which were valid on the day he
14 was charged, to the judge of the municipal court before whom he is
15 summoned to answer to the charge, the judge may dismiss the
16 charge; however, the judge may impose court costs.

17 f. Unless otherwise determined by the commissioner, statutes,
18 rules, and regulations applicable to bicycles shall apply whenever a
19 motorized bicycle is operated upon any highway or upon any public
20 land.

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

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

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

29 In addition to the requirements of section 2 of P.L.1975, c. 250
30 (C. 39:4-14.3) and P.L.1977, c. 267 (C. 39:4-14.3a et seq.), and
31 section 2 of P.L.2019, c.121 (C.39:4-14.16), no low-speed electric
32 bicycle or motorized bicycle, as those terms are defined by R.S.
33 39:1-1, shall be operated on the public highways or on public lands
34 of this State unless registered by the owner thereof as provided by
35 this act and P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as
36 this bill). The Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles in the
37 Department of Law and Public Safety Chief Administrator of the
38 New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission is authorized to grant a
39 registration to the owner of a low-speed electric bicycle or
40 motorized bicycle who is at least 15 years of age, provided that the
41 application for registration has been properly made, the registration
42 fee has been paid, and the motorized bicycle is of a type approved
43 by the director chief administrator.

44 The form and contents of the registration certificate shall be
45 prescribed by the director chief administrator. The director chief administrator
46 shall maintain a record of all registration certificates issued and their contents.
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1 The registration shall expire and the registration certificate shall
2 become void on the last day of the 11th calendar month following
3 the calendar month in which the certificate was issued, except that
4 the director chief administrator may suspend or revoke a
5 registration for any violation of this act or any of the rules
6 promulgated hereunder.

7 The director chief administrator shall issue registration
8 certificates for the following registration period, on and after the
9 first day of the calendar month immediately preceding the
10 commencement of the registration period, the registration
11 certificates to be effective immediately.

12 Application forms for all renewals of registrations for low-speed
13 electric bicycles and motorized bicycles shall be mailed by the
14 director chief administrator from the division to the last address
15 of the owner of a motorized bicycle as it appears on the records of
16 the division New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission.

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

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19 7. (New section) a. The New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission
20 shall make registration forms for low-speed electric bicycles and
21 motorized bicycles available at all commission agency locations and
22 on the commission's Internet website. Additionally, all sellers of low-
23 speed electric bicycles, motorized bicycles, and electric motorized
24 bicycles shall make the applicable registration forms available to
25 individuals purchasing such bicycles. The form and content of the
26 registration forms for low-speed electric bicycles and motorized
27 bicycles shall conform to the requirements established by the rules and
28 regulations adopted by the chief administrator pursuant to section 9 of
29 P.L.1983, c.105 (C.39:4-14.3i).

30 b. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection a. of this
31 section, section 2 of P.L.1975, c.250 (C.39:4-14.3), and section 2 of
32 P.L.2019, c.121 (C.39:4-14.16), a company operating shared low-
33 speed electric bicycles under a contract with a local government
34 may provide the serial number or other identifying numbers of each
35 low-speed electric bicycle owned by the company to the
36 commission on a quarterly basis in lieu of registering each shared
37 low-speed electric bicycle.

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

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

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

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

4 (4) the affidavit sets forth with reasonable specificity the
5 acquisition of ownership of the low-speed electric bicycle or
6 motorized bicycle, together with any supporting documents, as
7 proof of ownership of the low-speed electric bicycle or motorized
8 bicycle.

9 b. It shall be a crime of the fourth degree for a person to
10 knowingly submit a false bill of sale, false receipt of purchase, or
11 any other false proof of ownership, or to knowingly submit any
12 false affidavit or false supporting document regarding proof of
13 ownership of a low-speed electric bicycle or motorized bicycle.

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15 9. (New section) a. Following the effective date of
16 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill),
17 the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission and the Department of
18 Transportation shall prepare and submit an annual report to the
19 Legislature, pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-
20 19.1), concerning all information collected regarding the
21 registration of motorized bicycles in this State since 2019.

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

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

32 (2) the revenue generated by the fees collected and any civil
33 penalties assessed pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1975, c.250 (C.39:4-
34 14.3); and

35 (3) the number of registered low-speed electric bicycles and
36 motorized bicycles disaggregated by the owner of record's county
37 of residence.

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39 10. (New section) Notwithstanding any law, rule, or regulation to
40 the contrary, for one year following the effective date of P.L. ,
41 c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), the New
42 Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission shall waive all examination,
43 registration, and licensing fees required pursuant to P.L. ,
44 c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill) for the
45 operation of low-speed electric bicycles and motorized bicycles.

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

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

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

11 c. a license to operate a low-speed electric bicycle or motorized
12 bicycle if the person was not required to obtain a license to operate
13 these bicycles prior to the effective date of P.L. , c. (C.)
14 (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

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16 12. (New section) Notwithstanding any law, rule, or regulation to
17 the contrary, for one year following the effective date of
18 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), no
19 person shall sell, or offer for sale, on the Internet any electric
20 motorized bicycle as defined in R.S.39:1-1.

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22 13. This act shall take effect immediately ¹, except that section 4
23 shall take effect on the first day of the 12th month next following
24 the date of enactment and shall apply to every standard automobile
25 insurance policy issued or renewed on or after that date¹.

26 ¹However, the ¹The Chief Administrator of the New Jersey
27 Motor Vehicle Commission may take any anticipatory
28 administrative action in advance as shall be necessary for the
29 implementation of this act.