



Legislation Text

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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring that electric bicycles and electric scooters that are part of share systems have speedometers and limit electric speed assistance to new riders

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subchapter 3 of chapter 1 of title 19 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 19-176.4 to read as follows:

§ 19-176.4 Electric micromobility share systems a. Definitions. For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Beginner mode. The term “beginner mode” means a mode of operation which causes an electric micromobility device to cease providing electric speed assistance once the electric micromobility device reaches a certain maximum speed, which may be no more than 10 miles per hour.

Bicycle with electric assist. The term “bicycle with electric assist” has the same definition as contained in section 102-c of the vehicle and traffic law or successor provision.

Electric micromobility device. The term “electric micromobility device” means a bicycle with electric assist or an electric scooter.

Electric micromobility share system. The term “electric micromobility share system” means a network of self-service and publicly available electric micromobility devices, and any related infrastructure, in which a trip begins or ends on any highway, as defined in section 118 of the vehicle and traffic law.

Electric scooter. The term “electric scooter” has the same definition as contained in section 114-e of the

vehicle and traffic law or successor provision.

New rider. The term “new rider” means an individual who has completed using the same type of electric micromobility device fewer than 3 times with the same micromobility share system.

b. A person who owns or operates an electric micromobility share system shall install, and maintain in working order, a speedometer on each electric micromobility device used as part of the electric micromobility share system. Each speedometer installed shall display the speed of the electric micromobility device in miles per hour.

c. A person who owns or manages an electric micromobility share system shall ensure that every electric micromobility device used by a new rider may only be operated in beginner mode.

d. Any person who violates subdivision b or c of this section is liable for a civil penalty as follows:

1. For the first violation, a civil penalty of zero dollars; and

2. For each subsequent violation issued for the same offense on a different day within 2 years of the date of a first violation, a civil penalty of not more than \$1,000.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 180 days after it becomes law.LH

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