

Subject Motorized bicycle and motorcycle regulations

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Overview

This bill modifies requirements related to motorized bicycles (sometimes termed mopeds) and motorcycles, including in vehicle classification, registration, dealer licenses, and restrictions on sales. Effective August 1, 2026.

Summary

Section	Description
1	Off-highway motorcycle. Amends the definition of “off-highway motorcycle” for sections of statutes that regulate this type of vehicle in off-road use, which includes identifying both electric motors and internal combustion engines as a source of propulsion as well as explicitly adding a motorized bicycle when registered and used in off-highway operation.
2	Dual registration. Authorizes motorized bicycle registration with both the Department of Natural Resources for operation as an off-highway motorcycle and the Department of Public Safety for operation on public roads.
3	Definitions. Modifies the definition of “motor vehicle” for a statute governing motor vehicle dealer licensing and dealer regulations, to include a motorized bicycle that was not originally manufactured for on-road operation. In conjunction with a licensing provision change elsewhere in the bill, this has the effect of extending dealer license requirements and regulations on vehicle transactions (such as sales and leases) to apply to motorized bicycles.
4	Dealer license for trailers, plates, fees; exemptions. Removes motorized bicycles from the current optional dealer license category for motorized bicycles and some types of trailers (such as for snowmobiles and boats).

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5	Bonds. Makes a conforming change on dealer bonds, which has the effect of increasing the amount of bond required for a dealer that transacts in motorized bicycles.
6	Micromobility device. Amends the definition of “micromobility device” for the chapter on traffic regulations, including to reduce the powered top speed from 30 to 20 miles per hour, lower the maximum weight from 500 to 100 pounds, and remove motorized bicycles. This has the effect of narrowing the types of devices that can utilize a micromobility facility (e.g., in docking, storage, charging, or battery management).
7	Motorcycle. Makes technical and clarifying changes to the definition of “motorcycle” for the chapter of statutes on traffic regulations. This includes identifying both electric motors and internal combustion engines as a source of propulsion as well as specifying that certain types of vehicles are not included as a motorcycle if it meets the requirements of another statutory classification.
8	Motorized bicycle. Amends the definition of “motorized bicycle” for the chapter of statutes on traffic regulations, to require that an electric motor (if installed as the source of propulsion) has an output between 750 and 1,500 watts.
9	Application to persons, places, and vehicles. Prohibits on-road operation of a vehicle that does not meet specifications of a vehicle in a statute that defines terms for the chapter on traffic regulations.
10	Electrical safety standards. (motorized bicycle) Prohibits sale of a motorized bicycle that is electrically powered unless it is certified as compliant with one of the specified electrical standards.
11	Electrical safety standards. (motorcycle) Prohibits sale of a motorcycle that is electrically powered unless it is certified by a manufacturer as compliant with one of the specified electrical standards.



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