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Overview

This act affirms permission for local ordinances regulating pedicabs (i.e., bicycles with passenger seating used as a non-motorized taxi service) to allow the vehicles to be equipped with electric-assisted motors. The motor is the same as that specified for electric-assisted bicycles, including power output of no more than 1,000 watts and a top speed (via the motor alone) of no more than 20 miles per hour.

In general, taxis and pedicabs are not directly regulated under state statutes. Rather, state law establishes some provisions that ordinances must cover when enacted by a local unit of government (such as a city).

Section

- 1** **Small vehicle passenger service.** Authorizes *cities* to permit, under a local ordinance, pedicabs to be equipped with electric-assisted motors matching that of electric-assisted bicycles.
- 2** **Taxis, haulers, car renters.** Authorizes *towns* to permit, under a local ordinance, pedicabs to be equipped with electric-assisted motors matching that of electric-assisted bicycles.
- 3** **Taxis, haulers, car renters.** Authorizes *statutory cities* to permit, under a local ordinance, pedicabs to be equipped with electric-assisted motors matching that of electric-assisted bicycles. Makes technical changes, to eliminate redundant language and cross reference the more general city provision in section 1.

