

Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended (Public Law 101-336).

(b) (i) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (a) of this subdivision, a bicycle with electric assist owned by a natural person where the owner is engaged in personal use may park on a sidewalk whether attended or unattended. A city, town or village having jurisdiction over such sidewalk shall provide a method by which a bicycle with electric assist owned by a natural person may be identified as such.

(ii) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (a) of this subdivision, a bicycle with electric assist used to transport property in commerce may temporarily park on a sidewalk, whether attended or unattended, for the purpose of and while actually engaged commercially in the loading or unloading of property. A city, town or village having jurisdiction over such sidewalk shall provide a method by which a bicycle with electric assist used to transport property in commerce may be identified as such.

(iii) No person shall park a bicycle with electric assist pursuant to this paragraph in a manner that interferes with the free passage of pedestrians on a sidewalk.

6. Every person operating a bicycle with electric assist shall yield the right of way to pedestrians.

7. Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (b) of § 1234 (Riding on roadways, shoulders, bicycle or in-line skate lanes and bicycle or in-line skate paths) to the contrary, persons operating bicycles with electric assist upon a roadway shall ride single file.

8. Except as may be otherwise provided by local law, ordinance, order, rule or

regulation enacted or promulgated pursuant to this article, a bicycle with electric assist may only be operated on highways with a posted speed limit of thirty miles per hour or less, including non-interstate public highways, private roads open to motor vehicle traffic, and designated bicycle or in-line skate lanes.

9. No person shall operate a class one or class two bicycle with electric assist in excess of twenty miles per hour. No person shall operate a class three bicycle with electric assist in excess of twenty-five miles per hour.

10. The operation of a class three bicycle with electric assist outside of a city having a population of one million or more is prohibited.

13. A police officer shall only issue a summons for a violation of this section by a person less than sixteen years of age to the parent or guardian of such person if the violation by such person occurs in the presence of such person's parent or guardian and where such parent or guardian is eighteen years of age or older. Such summons shall only be issued to such parent or guardian, and shall not be issued to the person less than sixteen years of age.

§ 1242-a. Operation of a bicycle with electric assist while under the influence of alcohol or drugs

1. Offenses; criminal penalties.

(a) Operating a bicycle with electric assist while the person's ability to operate such bicycle with electric assist is impaired by the consumption of alcohol.

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V&T LAW FOR E-BIKE ENFORCEMENT

A Vehicle and Traffic Reference for
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§ 102-C. Bicycle with electric assist

A bicycle which is no more than thirty-six inches wide and has an electric motor of less than seven hundred fifty watts, equipped with operable pedals, meeting the equipment and manufacturing requirements for bicycles adopted by the Consumer Product Safety Commission under 16 C.F.R. Part 1512.1 et seq. and meeting the requirements of one of the following three classes:

(a) “Class one bicycle with electric assist.” A bicycle with electric assist having an electric motor that provides assistance only when the person operating such bicycle is pedaling, and that ceases to provide assistance when such bicycle reaches a speed of twenty miles per hour.

(b) “Class two bicycle with electric assist.” A bicycle with electric assist having an electric motor that may be used exclusively to propel such bicycle, and that is not capable of providing assistance when such bicycle reaches a speed of twenty miles per hour.

(c) “Class three bicycle with electric assist.” Solely within a city having a population of one million or more, a bicycle with electric assist having an electric motor that may be used exclusively to propel such bicycle, and that is not capable of providing assistance when such bicycle reaches a speed of twenty-five miles per hour.

§ 1236. Lamps and other equipment on bicycles

(a) Every bicycle when in use during the period from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise shall be equipped with a lamp on the front which shall emit a white light visible during hours of darkness from a distance of at least five hundred feet to the front and with a red or

amber light visible to the rear for three hundred feet. Effective July first, nineteen hundred seventy-six, at least one of these lights shall be visible for two hundred feet from each side.

(b) No person shall operate a bicycle unless it is equipped with a bell or other device capable of giving a signal audible for a distance of at least one hundred feet, except that a bicycle shall not be equipped with nor shall any person use upon a bicycle any siren or whistle.

(c) Every bicycle shall be equipped with a brake which will enable the operator to make the braked wheels skid on dry, level, clean pavement.

(d) Every new bicycle shall be equipped with reflective tires or, alternately, a reflex reflector mounted on the spokes of each wheel, said tires and reflectors to be of types approved by the commissioner. The reflex reflector mounted on the front wheel shall be colorless or amber, and the reflex reflector mounted on the rear wheel shall be colorless or red.

(e) Every bicycle when in use during the period from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise shall be equipped with reflective devices or material meeting the standards established by rules and regulations promulgated by the commissioner; provided, however, that such standards shall not be inconsistent with or otherwise conflict with the requirements of subdivisions (a) and (d) of this section.

§ 1238. Passengers on bicycles under one year of age prohibited; passengers and operators under fourteen years of age to wear protective headgear; operators of class three bicycles with electric assist to wear protective headgear.

5-c. No person shall ride upon, propel, or otherwise operate a class three bicycle with electric assist unless such person is wearing a helmet meeting standards established by the commissioner. For the purposes of this subdivision, wearing a helmet means having a properly fitting helmet fixed securely on the head of such wearer with the helmet straps securely fastened.

8. (b) A police officer shall only issue a summons for a violation of subdivision five-c of this section by a person less than sixteen years of age to the parent or guardian of such person if the violation by such person occurs in the presence of such person’s parent or guardian and where such parent or guardian is eighteen years of age or more. Such summons shall only be issued to such parent or guardian, and shall not be issued to the person less than sixteen years of age.

§ 1242. Additional provisions applicable to bicycles with electric assist

1. In addition to complying with all of the rules, regulations, and provisions applicable to bicycles contained in this article, bicycles with electric assist shall operate in a manner so that the electric motor is disengaged or ceases to function when the brakes are applied or the rider stops pedaling, or operate in a manner such that the electric motor is engaged through a switch or mechanism that, when released, will cause the electric motor to disengage or cease to function.

2. No person less than sixteen years of age shall operate a bicycle with electric assist. The failure of any person to comply with the provisions of this subdivision shall not constitute contributory negligence or assumption of risk, and shall not in any way bar, preclude or foreclose an action for personal injury or wrongful death by or on behalf of such person, nor in any

way diminish or reduce the damages recoverable in any such action.

See section 1242.3(a)-(c) for local ordinances

4. (a) No person shall operate a bicycle with electric assist on any public lands or property, other than a highway exclusive of any greenway running adjacent to or connected with a highway, except that a bicycle with electric assist may be operated on any such lands that have been designated and posted for travel by bicycles with electric assist in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (b) of this subdivision. For the purposes of this subdivision, the term “greenway” shall have the same meaning as such term is defined by subdivision seven of section 44-0103 of the environmental conservation law and subdivision one of section 39.03 of the parks, recreation and historic preservation law.

(b) A state agency, by regulation or order, and a city, town or village, by local law or ordinance, may designate any appropriate public lands and properties under its jurisdiction, other than highways exclusive of any greenway running adjacent to or connected with a highway, as a place open for travel by bicycles with electric assist upon written request for such designation by any person, and may impose restrictions and conditions for the regulation and safe operation of bicycles with electric assist on such public lands or property, such as travel on designated trails and hours of operation.

5. (a) No bicycle with electric assist shall be operated on a sidewalk, except as may be authorized by a local law or ordinance adopted by a city, town or village having jurisdiction over such sidewalk including parking on certain sidewalks within such city, town or village in compliance with the federal