

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2021 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Transportation

HB 353 — Bicycle Operation Regulations

by Rep. Hage (CS/SB 738 by Rules Committee and Senator Baxley)

The bill amends a current prohibition against a person operating a bicycle other than upon or astride a permanent and regular attached seat, providing that the prohibition applies unless the bicycle was designed by the manufacturer to be ridden without a seat. Under the bill, a person riding a bicycle manufactured without a seat would not be subject to an existing penalty for a violation of the prohibition.

The bill also amends existing electric bicycle regulations that afford an electric bicycle or electric bicycle operator the same rights, privileges, and duties of a bicycle or bicycle operator, providing that such regulations do not prevent a municipality, county, or agency of the state with jurisdiction over a beach or dune from restricting or prohibiting the operation of an electric bicycle on such beach or dune.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2021.

Vote: Senate 39-0; House 116-0