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1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to personal mobility device battery 3 safety standards; creating s. 316.2067, F.S.; 4 providing a short title; providing legislative intent; 5 defining the term "personal mobility device"; 6 requiring that certain batteries be certified as 7 meeting a specified ingress protection standard; 8 requiring manufacturers, distributors, or operators of 9 a personal mobility device to provide proof of such 10 battery certification in certain circumstances; 11 requiring the Department of Highway Safety and Motor 12 Vehicles to coordinate with local governmental entities for compliance purposes; authorizing the 13 14 department to take certain enforcement actions; 15 prohibiting the sale, shipment, operation, or charging 16 of certain personal mobility devices; providing for the forfeiture of noncompliant personal mobility 17 devices; providing civil penalties; providing 18 severability; providing an effective date. 19 20 21 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 22 Section 316.2067, Florida Statutes, is created 23 Section 1. 24 to read: 25 316.2067 Personal mobility device batteries; ingress Page 1 of 3

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26	protection requirements; civil penalties
27	(1) This section may be cited as the "Florida E-Scooter
28	and E-Bike Battery Safety Act."
29	(2) It is the intent of the Legislature to enhance public
30	safety and ensure the environmental resilience of personal
31	mobility devices in this state by establishing minimum ingress
32	protection standards for batteries used to power personal
33	mobility devices sold, shipped, operated, or charged in this
34	state.
35	(3) As used in this section, the term "personal mobility
36	device" means an electrically powered device intended for
37	individual transport, including, but not limited to, electric
38	bicycles, motorized scooters, electric skateboards, and any
39	other small, lightweight vehicle powered by a lithium battery.
40	(4) Any battery used in a personal mobility device sold,
41	shipped, operated, or charged in this state must be certified by
42	a recognized certification organization as meeting an
43	internationally accepted ingress protection standard for
44	electrical enclosures that provide protection against the
45	effects of temporary submersion in liquid up to a depth of 1
46	meter. A battery that is IPX7 certified in accordance with
47	International Electrotechnical Commission Standard No. 60529
48	meets the requirements of this subsection.
49	(5) A manufacturer, distributor, or operator of a personal
50	mobility device must provide proof of certification upon request
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51 of the department or any other applicable regulatory entity of 52 the state and in addition to any other application materials 53 submitted for a license or permit issued by the state related to 54 such manufacture, distribution, or operation. 55 (6) The department shall coordinate with local 56 governmental entities to ensure compliance with this section and 57 may impose fines and seize noncompliant personal mobility 58 devices to enforce this section. 59 (7) (a) A personal mobility device powered by a battery 60 that is not certified as required by subsection (4) may not be sold, shipped, operated, or charged in this state. 61 (b) A person who violates this subsection is subject to 62 the forfeiture of any noncompliant personal mobility device in 63 64 his or her possession and the following fines: 65 1. For a first violation, a fine of \$250. 66 2. For a second violation, a fine of \$1,000. 67 3. For a third violation, a fine of \$10,000. Section 2. If any provision of this act or its application 68 69 to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity 70 does not affect other provisions or applications of the act 71 which can be given effect without the invalid provision or 72 application, and to this end the provisions of this act are 73 severable. 74 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

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