

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2     An act relating to electric bicycles; amending s.  
3     316.20655, F.S.; providing requirements for the  
4     operation of electric bicycles; providing penalties;  
5     creating s. 316.20658, F.S.; creating the Electric  
6     Bicycle Safety Task Force adjunct to the Department of  
7     Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles; requiring the  
8     department to provide staff to assist the task force;  
9     providing the purpose of the task force; providing for  
10    the membership of the task force and the appointment  
11    of task force members; providing a timeline in which  
12    appointments must be made and the manner in which  
13    vacancies on the task force must be filled; requiring  
14    that the task force convene within a specified  
15    timeframe; providing requirements for the time and  
16    location of the task force meetings; providing for  
17    members of the task force to be reimbursed for per  
18    diem and travel expenses; requiring a report to the  
19    Governor and Legislature by a specified date;  
20    providing for the expiration of the task force;  
21    providing for future repeal; requiring certain law  
22    enforcement agencies to maintain certain statistics  
23    during a specified timeframe; requiring certain law  
24    enforcement agencies to submit a report to the  
25    department by a specified date; requiring the

26 department to submit a report to the Governor and  
27 Legislature by a specified date; providing effective  
28 dates.

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30 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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32 **Section 1. Effective July 1, 2026, subsection (10) is**  
33 **added to section 316.20655, Florida Statutes, to read:**

34 316.20655 Electric bicycle regulations.—

35 (10) (a) A person operating an electric bicycle on a shared  
36 pathway that is not located adjacent to a roadway, including a  
37 shared pathway located in a park or recreational area, must  
38 yield to any pedestrian and must give an audible signal before  
39 overtaking and passing such pedestrian.

40 (b) A person operating an electric bicycle on a sidewalk  
41 or any other area designated for pedestrian use may not operate  
42 an electric bicycle at a speed greater than 10 miles per hour  
43 when a pedestrian is within 50 feet of the electric bicycle.

44 (c) A person who fails to comply with this subsection  
45 commits a noncriminal traffic infraction, punishable as a  
46 nonmoving violation as provided in chapter 318.

47 **Section 2. Section 316.20658, Florida Statutes, is created**  
48 **to read:**

49 316.20658 Electric Bicycle Safety Task Force.—

50 (1) CREATION.—The Electric Bicycle Safety Task Force, a

51 task force as defined in s. 20.03(5), is created adjunct to the  
52 department. The department shall provide administrative and  
53 staff support services related to the functions of the task  
54 force.

55 (2) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the task force is to examine  
56 and recommend improvements to state law and the regulatory  
57 framework governing electric bicycles in order to encourage the  
58 safe operation of electric bicycles and to prevent traffic  
59 incidents, injuries, and fatalities involving such bicycles.

60 (3) MEMBERSHIP; MEETINGS.—

61 (a) The task force shall be composed of the executive  
62 director of the department, or his or her designee; the  
63 Secretary of Transportation, or his or her designee; and the  
64 following members, who shall be appointed by the executive  
65 director:

66 1. A representative from the Florida Sheriffs Association.

67 2. A representative from the Florida Police Chiefs  
68 Association.

69 3. A representative from the electric bicycle industry.

70 4. A representative from the Florida League of Cities.

71 5. A representative from the Florida Association of  
72 Counties.

73 6. A representative from the medical field with experience  
74 in treating bicyclist and pedestrian injuries.

75 7. A representative from an organization involved in

76 efforts to prevent injuries and fatalities involving bicycles,  
77 including electric bicycles.

78 (b) Appointments to the task force shall be made within 15  
79 days after this act becomes a law.

80 (c) The executive director of the department, or his or  
81 her designee, shall chair the task force, and a vacancy on the  
82 task force shall be filled in the same manner as the original  
83 appointment.

84 (d) The task force shall convene no later than 30 days  
85 after this act becomes a law. The task force shall meet at least  
86 monthly but may meet more frequently at the call of the chair.  
87 At least one meeting of the task force shall occur in each of  
88 the following regions of this state: North Florida, Central  
89 Florida, and South Florida. All meetings shall be held at the  
90 time and place designated by the chair.

91 (e) Members of the task force shall serve without  
92 compensation but shall be entitled to receive reimbursement for  
93 per diem and travel expenses pursuant to s. 112.061.

94 (4) REPORT.—The task force shall prepare a report that  
95 includes legislative recommendations for improvements to state  
96 law and the regulatory framework governing electric bicycles.  
97 The report should take into account methods to improve traffic  
98 safety for electric bicycle operators and riders, pedestrians,  
99 and other vehicle operators through reasonable measures designed  
100 to reduce traffic incidents, injuries, and fatalities.

101 (a) Before October 1, 2026, the task force shall submit  
102 the report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the  
103 Speaker of the House of Representatives.

104 (b) Upon submission of the report, the task force shall  
105 expire.

106 (5) REPEAL.—This section is repealed October 1, 2026.

107 **Section 3.** (1) Beginning 30 days after this act becomes a  
108 law, the Florida Highway Patrol and each police department and  
109 sheriff's office in this state must maintain a list of all the  
110 traffic crashes that each respective agency investigates which  
111 involve an electric bicycle. Each electric bicycle crash must be  
112 included in the list regardless of whether the crash is reported  
113 on a long or short form traffic crash report or a driver  
114 exchange-of-information form. Each entry in the list must  
115 contain the following information concerning each traffic crash  
116 involving an electric bicycle:

117 (a) The date and time of the crash.

118 (b) The class of electric bicycle involved in the crash.

119 (c) The age of the electric bicycle operator involved in  
120 the crash.

121 (d) If known, whether the electric bicycle operator  
122 possessed a valid Florida learner's driver license or driver  
123 license at the time of the crash.

124 (2) By October 15, 2026, each police department and  
125 sheriff's office in this state must submit a report to the

126 Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles which contains a  
127 list of all electric bicycle crashes investigated by each agency  
128 from the beginning of the reporting period through September 30,  
129 2026. The information must be submitted in a form and manner  
130 determined by the department.

131 (3) By October 31, 2026, the department must submit a  
132 report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the  
133 Speaker of the House of Representatives summarizing the reports  
134 submitted to the department pursuant to subsection (2) and  
135 include in the report the list maintained by the Florida Highway  
136 Patrol. The report must separate the electric bicycle crash data  
137 by county, listing the reporting law enforcement agencies within  
138 each county.

139 **Section 4.** Except as otherwise expressly provided in this  
140 act, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law.