



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2019 Senate Bill 129

**Senate
Amendments 1 and 2**

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2019 SENATE BILL 129

2019 Senate Bill 129 creates a definition of electric bicycle, generally applies the rules of the road that apply to bicycles to electric bicycles, and establishes certain requirements that only apply to electric bicycles. Under the bill, “electric bicycle” is defined as: “a bicycle that is equipped with fully operative pedals for propulsion by human power and an electric motor of less than 750 watts and that meets the requirements of any of the following classifications:

- a. Class 1 electric bicycle is an electric bicycle that is equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour.
- b. Class 2 electric bicycle is an electric bicycle that may be powered solely by the motor and is not capable of providing assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour.
- c. Class 3 electric bicycle is an electric bicycle that may be powered solely by the motor and is not capable of providing assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 28 miles per hour.”

The bill requires a manufacturer or distributor of electric bicycles to permanently affix to the electric bicycle a label containing all of the following information:

- The classification number of the electric bicycle.
- The speed at which the motor will cease to provide assistance or power.
- The wattage of the motor equipped to the electric bicycle.

Under the bill, a person must prepare and affix to the electric bicycle a revised label that includes the information above if the person modifies the electric bicycle so as to change the speed at which the motor will cease to provide assistance or power.

SENATE AMENDMENT 1

Senate Amendment 1 changes the circumstances under which a person who modifies an electric bicycle must prepare and affix a revised label. Under the amendment, a revised label is necessary when a person modifies an electric bicycle so as to change the classification of the electric bicycle. Senate Amendment 1 also modifies a cross-reference in the bill to federal law.

SENATE AMENDMENT 2

Senate Amendment 2 revises the definition of “electric bicycle” in the bill to provide that the motor of an electric bicycle is 750 watts or less.

BILL HISTORY

Senator Roth offered Senate Amendment 1 on April 8, 2019 and Senate Amendment 2 on April 23, 2019. On May 30, 2019, the Senate Committee on Transportation and Veterans affairs unanimously voted to recommend adoption of both amendments and passage of 2019 Senate Bill 129, as amended.

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