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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE BILL

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COSTA, SOLOBAY, SCHWANK, BROWNE AND BOSCOLA, JUNE 6, 2013

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, in general provisions, further providing for  
3 definitions; and, in special vehicles and pedestrians,  
4 providing for operation of pedalcycles with electric assist.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. The definition of "pedalcycle" in section 102 of  
8 Title 75 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended  
9 and the section is amended by adding a definition to read:

10 § 102. Definitions.

11 Subject to additional definitions contained in subsequent  
12 provisions of this title which are applicable to specific  
13 provisions of this title, the following words and phrases when  
14 used in this title shall have, unless the context clearly  
15 indicates otherwise, the meanings given to them in this section:

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17 "Pedalcycle." A vehicle propelled solely by human-powered  
18 pedals or a pedalcycle with electric assist. The term does not  
19 mean a three-wheeled human-powered pedal-driven vehicle with a

1 main driving wheel 20 inches in diameter or under and primarily  
2 designed for children six years of age or younger.

3 "Pedalcycle with electric assist". A vehicle weighing not  
4 more than 100 pounds with two or three wheels more than 11  
5 inches in diameter, manufactured or assembled with an electric  
6 motor system rated at not more than 750 watts and equipped with  
7 operable pedals and capable of a speed not more than 20 miles  
8 per hour on a level surface when powered by the motor source  
9 only. The term does not include a device specifically designed  
10 for use by persons with disabilities.

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12 Section 2. Title 75 is amended by adding a section to read:  
13 § 3514. Operation of pedalcycles with electric assist.

14 No person under 16 years of age may operate a pedalcycle with  
15 electric assist.

16 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.