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3 SENATE BILL 184

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5 AS INTRODUCED

6 An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending Section  
7 4, Chapter 43, O.S.L. 2019 (47 O.S. Supp. 2020,  
8 Section 11-1209), which relates to electric-assisted  
9 bicycles and operators; prohibiting operation of  
10 electric-assisted bicycles over certain speed limit  
11 on certain paths; providing exception to prohibition;  
12 and providing an effective date.

11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

12 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 4, Chapter 43, O.S.L. 2019  
13 (47 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 11-1209), is amended to read as  
14 follows:

15 Section 11-1209. A. Except as specifically provided in this  
16 section, an electric-assisted bicycle or an operator of an electric-  
17 assisted bicycle shall be afforded the rights and privileges and be  
18 subject to all of the duties and provisions of this act.

19 B. An electric-assisted bicycle or a person operating an  
20 electric-assisted bicycle is not subject to the Oklahoma statutory  
21 provisions relating to financial responsibility, vehicle insurance,  
22 driver licenses, vehicle registration or certificates of title.

23 C. On and after January 1, 2020, manufacturers and distributors  
24 of electric-assisted bicycles shall apply a label that is

1 permanently affixed in a prominent location to each electric-  
2 assisted bicycle. The label shall contain the classification  
3 number, top assisted speed and motor wattage of the electric-  
4 assisted bicycle, and it shall be printed in Arial font in at least  
5 9-point type.

6 D. A person shall not tamper with or modify an electric-  
7 assisted bicycle so as to change the motor-powered speed capability  
8 or engagement of an electric-assisted bicycle, unless he or she  
9 appropriately replaces the label indicating the classification  
10 required in subsection C of this section.

11 E. An electric-assisted bicycle may be ridden where bicycles  
12 are permitted to travel subject to the following provisions:

13 1. A Class 1 ~~electric-assisted bicycle or a~~, Class 2 or Class 3  
14 electric-assisted bicycle may be ridden on bicycle or multiuse paths  
15 where bicycles are permitted. However, the local authority or state  
16 agency having jurisdiction over a bicycle or multiuse path may  
17 prohibit the operation of a Class 1 ~~electric-assisted bicycle or,~~  
18 Class 2 or Class 3 electric-assisted ~~bicycle~~ bicycles on that path.

19 2. A Class 3 ~~electric-assisted bicycle shall not be ridden on a~~  
20 ~~bicycle or multiuse path unless it is within or adjacent to a~~  
21 ~~highway or roadway or unless the local authority or state agency~~  
22 ~~having jurisdiction over the path permits that operation~~ No person  
23 shall operate any class of electric-assisted bicycle at a speed  
24 greater than 20 miles per hour except on a street, as defined in

1 Section 1-171 of this title, with a posted speed limit above twenty  
2 (20) miles per hour.

3 3. This subsection shall not apply to a trail designated as  
4 nonmotorized if such trail has a natural surface tread made by  
5 clearing and grading the native soil with no added surfacing  
6 materials. A local authority or state agency may regulate the use  
7 of electric-assisted bicycles or any class thereof on such trails  
8 that are under its jurisdiction.

9 F. The use of Class 3 electric-assisted bicycles shall be  
10 subject to the following provisions:

11 1. No person under sixteen (16) years of age may operate a  
12 Class 3 electric-assisted bicycle. A person under sixteen (16)  
13 years of age may ride as a passenger on a Class 3 electric-assisted  
14 bicycle that is designed to accommodate passengers.

15 2. All Class 3 electric-assisted bicycles shall be equipped  
16 with a speedometer that is capable of displaying the speed the  
17 electric-assisted bicycle is traveling in miles per hour.

18 G. An electric-assisted bicycle shall be considered a motor  
19 vehicle to the extent required for compliance with 23 U.S.C.,  
20 Section 154.

21 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

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