

# State of Tennessee

## PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 388

SENATE BILL NO. 1107

By Dickerson

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1220

By Potts, Lamar

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 1; Title 55, Chapter 10; Title 55, Chapter 12 and Title 55, Chapter 8, relative to electric foot scooters.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-1-103, is amended by deleting subsection (c) and substituting instead the following:

(c) "Motor vehicle" means every vehicle that is self-propelled, excluding electric scooters, motorized bicycles, and every vehicle that is propelled by electric power obtained from overhead trolley wires. "Motor vehicle" means any low speed vehicle or medium speed vehicle as defined in this chapter. "Motor vehicle" means any mobile home or house trailer as defined in § 55-1-105.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-8-101, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

(A) "Electric scooter":

(i) Means a device weighing less than one hundred pounds (100 lbs.) that:

(a) Has handlebars and an electric motor;

(b) Is solely powered by the electric motor or human power, or both;  
and

(c) Has a maximum speed of no more than twenty miles per hour (20 mph) on a paved level surface when powered solely by the electric motor; and

(ii) Does not include an electric bicycle, electric personal assistive mobility device, motorcycle, or motor-driven cycle; and

(B) An electric scooter is a motor-driven vehicle, for purposes of § 55-10-401;

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-8-101, is amended by deleting subdivision (40) and substituting instead the following:

(40) "Motor vehicle" means every vehicle, including a low speed vehicle or a medium speed vehicle that is self-propelled, excluding electric scooters, electric bicycles as defined in § 55-8-301, motorized bicycles, and every vehicle, including a low speed vehicle or a medium speed vehicle that is propelled by electric power obtained from overhead trolley wires, but not operated upon rails;

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-8-101, is amended by deleting subdivision (42) and substituting instead the following:

(42) "Motor-driven cycle" means every motorcycle, including every motor scooter, with a motor that produces no more than five (5) brake horsepower, or with a motor with a

cylinder capacity not exceeding one hundred twenty-five cubic centimeters (125cc). "Motor-driven cycle" does not include an electric scooter;

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 8, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

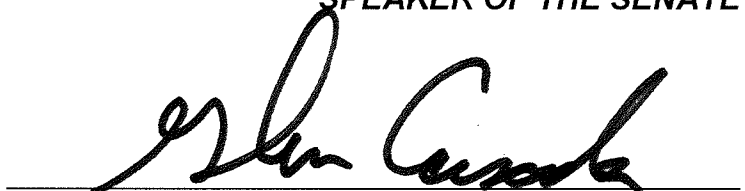
Section 55-8-302 applies to an electric scooter and any person operating an electric scooter, including an exclusion from chapters 3 and 4 of this title, relating to titling and registration. Nothing in this section or § 55-8-302 preempts a county, municipality, or metropolitan form of government, by ordinance of its legislative body, from regulating, controlling, or banning the use and operation of electric scooters within the geographic boundaries of the county, municipality, or metropolitan government. The ordinances must be reasonably related to promotion and protection of the health, safety, and welfare of riders, operators, pedestrians, and motorists.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: May 1, 2019

  
RANDY McNALLY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
GLEN CASADA, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May 2019

  
BILL LEE, GOVERNOR