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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LOW-SPEED ELECTRIC BICYCLES.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. Section 249-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending the definition of "bicycle" to read as  
3 follows:

4           ""Bicycle" means every [~~device~~]:

- 5           (1) Device propelled solely by human power upon which any  
6           person may ride, having two tandem wheels sixteen  
7           inches in diameter or greater, and including any  
8           device generally recognized as a bicycle though  
9           equipped with two front or two rear wheels[-]; or  
10          (2) A low-speed electric bicycle, as defined under 15  
11          U.S.C. section 2085."

12          SECTION 2. Section 286-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
13 amended by amending the definition of "bicycle" to read as  
14 follows:

15          ""Bicycle" means every [~~device~~]:

- 16          (1) Device propelled solely by human power upon which any  
17          person may ride, having two tandem wheels sixteen



1 inches in diameter or greater, and including any  
 2 device generally recognized as a bicycle though  
 3 equipped with two front or two rear wheels[-]; or  
 4 (2) A low-speed electric bicycle, as defined under 15  
 5 U.S.C. section 2085."

6 SECTION 3. Section 291C-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
 7 amended by amending the definition of "bicycle" to read as  
 8 follows:

9 "Bicycle" means every [~~vehiele~~]:

- 10 (1) Vehicle propelled solely by human power upon which any  
 11 person may ride, having two tandem wheels, and  
 12 including any vehicle generally recognized as a  
 13 bicycle though equipped with two front or two rear  
 14 wheels except a toy bicycle[-]; or  
 15 (2) A low-speed electric bicycle, as defined under 15  
 16 U.S.C. section 2085."

17 SECTION 4. Section 293-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
 18 amended to read as follows:

19 "[+]§293-1[+] Defacing serial numbers, etc., of bicycles.

20 It shall be unlawful for any person to wilfully deface, destroy,  
 21 or alter the serial number, a component part number, or



1 identification mark of any bicycle, including a low-speed  
2 electric bicycle as defined under 15 U.S.C. section 2085, so  
3 placed or stamped on any bicycle by the manufacturer for the  
4 purpose of identifying the bicycle or its component parts.

5 This section does not prohibit the restoration by an owner  
6 of an original mark or number, when the restoration is  
7 authorized in writing by the county treasurer or director of  
8 finance, nor prevent any manufacturer from placing in the  
9 ordinary course of business, numbers or marks upon new bicycles  
10 or new parts thereof. Violation of this section shall be a  
11 misdemeanor and shall result in a fine of not more than \$500."

12 SECTION 5. Section 293-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
13 amended to read as follows:

14 "[+]§293-2[+] Bicycle dealers, records required. All  
15 persons selling new bicycles, including a low-speed electric  
16 bicycle as defined under 15 U.S.C. section 2085, to others as a  
17 business shall keep a record for four years after the sale of a  
18 bicycle of the name of the purchaser, and the serial number,  
19 description, and make of the bicycle sold to the purchaser.  
20 This record may be inspected by the police during reasonable  
21 business hours."



1           SECTION 6. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

3           SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on March 15, 2038.



**Report Title:**

Low-speed Electric Bicycle

**Description:**

Amends the definition of bicycle and statutes relating to bicycles to include low-speed electric bicycles. (HB715 HD1)

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