
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 title
11 15 United States Code 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 title
 5 15 United States Code 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 [~~vehicle~~]:
 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 title
 16 15 United States Code 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 title 15 United States Code
3 section 2085, so placed or stamped on any bicycle by the
4 manufacturer for the purpose of identifying the bicycle or its
5 component parts.

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

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

15 "~~§~~**293-2** **Bicycle dealers, records required.** All
16 persons selling new bicycles [~~to others~~], including a low-speed
17 electric bicycle as defined under title 15 United States Code
18 section 2085, as a business shall keep a record for four years
19 after the sale of a bicycle of the name of the purchaser, and
20 the serial number, description, and make of the bicycle sold to



1 the purchaser. This record may be inspected by the police
2 during reasonable business hours."

3 SECTION 6. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
4 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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



Report Title:

Low-speed Electric Bicycle

Description:

Clarifies the definition of "bicycles" for purposes of county vehicular taxes, highway safety laws, statewide traffic code, and bicycle laws by adding "low-speed electric bicycles" and defining low-speed electric bicycles. (SD1)

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