A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTRIC BICYCLES.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 293, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated 3 and to read as follows: 4 Low-speed electric bicycles; sales. (a) No 5 person shall sell or offer for sale a bicycle equipped with a 6 motor except a low-speed electric bicycle. 7 (b) Any person selling a low-speed electric bicycle shall 8 provide each purchaser with educational materials that explain 9 the safe operation and applicable laws and regulations governing 10 the use of low-speed electric bicycles; provided that the 11 department of transportation shall make available to any person 12 selling one or more low-speed electric bicycles any educational 13 materials to be provided pursuant to this subsection. 14 (c) As used in this section, "low-speed electric bicycle" 15 shall have the same meaning as in title 15 United States Code

section 2085."

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- 1 SECTION 2. Section 291C-143.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 2 amended to read as follows:
- 3 "[+]\$291C-143.5[+] Low-speed electric bicycles; operator
- 4 age. No person under the age of [fifteen] sixteen shall operate
- 5 a low-speed electric bicycle as defined under title 15 United
- 6 States Code section 2085."
- 7 SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
- 8 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
- 9 begun before its effective date.
- 10 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 11 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
- 12 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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Report Title:

Department of Transportation; Low-Speed Electric Bicycles; Requirements; Prohibitions

Description:

Increases the minimum age for use of low-speed electric bicycles. Prohibits the selling or offering for sale of bicycles equipped with motors except low-speed electric bicycles. Requires sellers of low-speed electric bicycles to provide purchasers with educational materials.

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