

# SB1521



## 104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

SB1521

Introduced 2/4/2025, by Sen. Graciela Guzmán

### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

415 ILCS 120/50 new

Amends the Electric Vehicle Rebate Act. Provides that, beginning July 1, 2026, and continuing as long as funds are available, a person may apply for a rebate in specified amounts following the purchase of an electric bicycle in Illinois. Prohibits the rebate amount from exceeding the purchase price of the electric bicycle. Contains eligibility requirements. Requires a person who is awarded a rebate to retain ownership of the electric bicycle for a minimum of 12 consecutive months. Provides that a person may apply for and receive a rebate only once in a 10-year period and that only one rebate may be awarded per person per electric bicycle. Contains other provisions.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning safety.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Electric Vehicle Rebate Act is amended by  
5 adding Section 50 as follows:

6 (415 ILCS 120/50 new)

7 Sec. 50. Electric bicycle rebate.

8 (a) In this Section, "electric bicycle" means a low-speed  
9 electric bicycle, as defined in Section 11-1517 of the  
10 Illinois Vehicle Code, that has an electrical system that has  
11 been tested by an accredited testing laboratory for compliance  
12 with Underwriters Laboratories Standard UL 2849 and European  
13 Standard EN 15194. "Electric bicycle" does not include an  
14 electric moped.

15 (b) Beginning July 1, 2026, and continuing as long as  
16 funds are available, a person may apply for a rebate following  
17 the purchase of an electric bicycle in Illinois.  
18 Notwithstanding paragraphs (1) and (2), a rebate awarded under  
19 this Section shall not exceed the purchase price of the  
20 electric bicycle. A rebate awarded under this Section shall be  
21 in the amount of:

22 (1) \$400 for a person who is not a low-income  
23 purchaser of the electric bicycle; and

1           (2) \$1,200 for a person who is a low-income purchaser  
2           of the electric bicycle.

3           (c) To be eligible to receive a rebate under this Section,  
4           a person must:

5           (1) reside in Illinois at the time the person  
6           purchases the electric bicycle and at the time the rebate  
7           is issued;

8           (2) have purchased the electric bicycle in Illinois on  
9           or after July 1, 2024;

10           (3) own the electric bicycle at the time the rebate is  
11           issued;

12           (4) not have purchased the electric bicycle from an  
13           out-of-state seller;

14           (5) apply for the rebate within 90 days after the date  
15           that the electric bicycle was leased or purchased if the  
16           electric vehicle was leased or purchased on or after July  
17           1, 2026; and

18           (6) provide the Agency with proof that the person  
19           resides in Illinois and owns the electric bicycle and that  
20           the electric bicycle was purchased in Illinois, including,  
21           but not limited to, a copy of a purchase agreement noting  
22           an Illinois seller.

23           (d) A person who is awarded a rebate under this Section  
24           must notify the Agency of any change in the person's residency  
25           or ownership of the electric bicycle occurring between  
26           applying for a rebate and its issuance.

1 (e) The Agency shall:

2 (1) provide materials for submitting an application  
3 under this Section;

4 (2) adopt rules defining "low-income purchaser" for  
5 purposes of paragraph (2) of subsection (b) and this  
6 subsection; and

7 (3) prioritize reviewing applications of low-income  
8 purchasers and shall give preference to low-income  
9 applicants in awarding rebates under this Section.

10 (f) A person who is awarded a rebate under this Section  
11 must retain ownership of the electric bicycle for a minimum of  
12 12 consecutive months immediately after its purchase. During  
13 that time, the person must continuously reside in Illinois and  
14 register the electric bicycle in Illinois. A person who  
15 receives a rebate under this Section and fails to satisfy any  
16 of the requirements of this subsection shall reimburse the  
17 Agency all or part of the rebate amount awarded to the person  
18 and shall notify the Agency of the failure within 60 days after  
19 it occurs.

20 (g) Rebates may be awarded under this Section for the  
21 purchase of a new or used electric bicycle.

22 (h) A person may apply for and receive a rebate under this  
23 Section only once in a 10-year period, and only one rebate may  
24 be awarded per person per electric bicycle.