

AN ACT concerning transportation.

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

Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by adding Sections 1-140.10, 1-140.15, and 1-146 and by changing Section 1-146 as follows:

(625 ILCS 5/1-140.10 new)

Sec. 1-140.10. Low-speed electric bicycle. The term "low-speed electric bicycle" has the same meaning ascribed to it by Section 38 of the Consumer Product Safety Act (15 U.S.C. Sec. 2085).

(625 ILCS 5/1-140.15 new)

Sec. 1-140.15. Low-speed gas bicycle. A 2 or 3-wheeled device with fully operable pedals and a gasoline motor of less than one horsepower, whose maximum speed on a paved level surface, when powered solely by such a motor while ridden by an operator who weighs 170 pounds, is less than 20 miles per hour.

(625 ILCS 5/1-146) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 1-146)

Sec. 1-146. Motor vehicle. Every vehicle which is self-propelled and every vehicle which is propelled by electric power obtained from overhead trolley wires, but not operated

upon rails, except for vehicles moved solely by human power, ~~and~~ motorized wheelchairs, low-speed electric bicycles, and low-speed gas bicycles. For this Act, motor vehicles are divided into two divisions:

First Division: Those motor vehicles which are designed for the carrying of not more than 10 persons.

Second Division: Those motor vehicles which are designed for carrying more than 10 persons, those motor vehicles designed or used for living quarters, those motor vehicles which are designed for pulling or carrying freight, cargo or implements of husbandry, and those motor vehicles of the First Division remodelled for use and used as motor vehicles of the Second Division.

(Source: P.A. 85-1010.)

(625 ILCS 5/11-1516 new)

Sec. 11-1516. Low-speed bicycles.

(a) A person may operate a low-speed electric bicycle or low-speed gas bicycle only if the person is at least 16 years of age.

(b) A person may not operate a low-speed electric bicycle or low-speed gas bicycle at a speed greater than 20 miles per hour upon any highway, street, or roadway.

(c) A person may not operate a low-speed electric bicycle or low-speed gas bicycle on a sidewalk.

(d) Except as otherwise provided in this Section, the

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provisions of this Article XV that apply to bicycles also apply to low-speed electric bicycles and low-speed gas bicycles.