

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Transportation to which was referred Senate Bill No. 66  
3 entitled “An act relating to electric bicycles” respectfully reports that it has  
4 considered the same and recommends that the House propose to the Senate that  
5 the bill be amended by striking out Sec. 3, 23 V.S.A. § 4(45), in its entirety and  
6 inserting a new Sec. 3 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 3. 23 V.S.A. § 4(45) is amended to read:

8 (45)(A) “Motor-driven cycle” means any vehicle equipped with two or  
9 three wheels, a power source providing up to a maximum of two brake  
10 horsepower and having a maximum piston or rotor displacement of 50 cubic  
11 centimeters if a combustion engine is used, which will propel the vehicle,  
12 unassisted, at a speed not to exceed 30 miles per hour on a level road surface,  
13 and which is equipped with a power drive system that functions directly or  
14 automatically only, not requiring clutching or shifting by the operator after the  
15 drive system is engaged. As motor vehicles, motor-driven cycles shall be  
16 subject to the purchase and use tax imposed under 32 V.S.A. chapter 219  
17 rather than to a general sales tax. ~~Neither an electric~~ Electric personal assistive  
18 mobility ~~device nor a devices~~, motor-assisted ~~bicycle is a bicycles~~, and electric  
19 bicycles are not motor-driven eyele cycles.

20 (B)(i) “Motor-assisted bicycle” means any bicycle or tricycle with  
21 fully operable pedals and equipped with a motor that in itself is capable of

1 producing a top speed of not more than 20 miles per hour on a paved level  
2 surface when ridden by an operator who weighs 170 pounds and either:

3 (I) has an internal combustion motor with a power output of not  
4 more than 1,000 watts or 1.3 horsepower; ~~and~~ or

5 (II) ~~in itself is capable of producing a top speed of no more~~  
6 ~~than 20 miles per hour on a paved level surface when ridden by an operator~~  
7 ~~who weighs 170 pounds~~ has an electric motor with a power output of not more  
8 than 1,000 watts and does not meet the requirements of one of the three classes  
9 in subdivisions (46)(A)(i)–(iii) of this section.

10 (ii) Motor-assisted bicycles shall be regulated in accordance with  
11 section 1136 of this title.

12 (iii) Electric bicycles, as defined in subdivision (46) of this  
13 section, are not motor-assisted bicycles, as defined in subdivision (45) of this  
14 section.

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18 (Committee vote: \_\_\_\_\_)

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FOR THE COMMITTEE