

S.66 (as introduced), and reported favorably by Senate Committee on Transportation:

- Adds a definition of “electric bicycle” to 23 V.S.A. § 4 (Sec. 4) and amends definition of “motor-assisted bicycle” to only include bicycles with an internal combustion motor (Sec. 3);
- Amends definitions applicable to some or all of Title 23 to provide that an “electric bicycle” is not a “motorcycle,” “motor vehicle,” “motor-driven cycle,” “motor-assisted bicycle” (the definition that an “electric bicycle” currently falls under), or “all-terrain vehicle” (Secs. 1–3, 8, and 9);
- Amends the definition of “vulnerable user” to include someone operating an electric bicycle (Sec. 5); and
- Adds statutory language specific to electric bicycles (Secs. 6 and 7).

Fee/Registration Language in S.66 (pp. 4 & 5):

14 Sec. 6. 23 V.S.A. § 1136a is added to read:

15 § 1136a. ELECTRIC BICYCLES

16 (a) Except as provided in this subsection, electric bicycles shall be
17 governed as bicycles under Vermont law, and operators of electric bicycles
18 shall be subject to all of the rights and duties applicable to bicyclists under
19 Vermont law.

20 (b) Electric bicycles and their operators shall be exempt from:

1 (1) motor vehicle registration, inspection, and certificate of title
2 requirements under chapter 7 of this title, section 1222 of this title, and
3 chapter 21, subchapter 2 of this title;

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Fee/Registration Requirements Applicable to Motor-Assisted Bicycles (23 V.S.A. § 1136(d)(1)):

(d)(1) Except as provided in this subsection, motor-assisted bicycles shall be governed as bicycles under Vermont law, and operators of motor-assisted bicycles shall be subject to all of the rights and duties applicable to bicyclists under Vermont law. Motor-assisted bicycles and their operators shall be exempt from motor vehicle registration and inspection and operator’s license requirements. A person shall not operate a motor-assisted bicycle on a sidewalk in Vermont.