

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to electric bicycles; amending s.
3 316.20655, F.S.; providing requirements for the
4 operation of electric bicycles; providing penalties;
5 creating s. 316.20658, F.S.; creating the Electric
6 Bicycle Safety Task Force adjunct to the Department of
7 Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles; requiring the
8 department to provide staff to assist the task force;
9 providing the purpose of the task force; providing for
10 the membership of the task force and the appointment
11 of task force members; providing a timeline in which
12 appointments must be made and the manner in which
13 vacancies on the task force must be filled; requiring
14 that the task force convene within a specified
15 timeframe; providing requirements for the time and
16 location of the task force meetings; providing for
17 members of the task force to be reimbursed for per
18 diem and travel expenses; requiring a report to the
19 Governor and Legislature by a specified date;
20 providing for the expiration of the task force;
21 providing for future repeal; requiring certain law
22 enforcement agencies to maintain certain statistics
23 during a specified timeframe; requiring certain law
24 enforcement agencies to submit a report to the
25 department by a specified date; requiring the

department to submit a report to the Governor and Legislature by a specified date; providing effective dates.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Effective July 1, 2026, subsection (10) is added to section 316.20655, Florida Statutes, to read:

316.20655 Electric bicycle regulations.—

(10) (a) A person operating an electric bicycle on a shared pathway that is not located adjacent to a roadway, including a shared pathway located in a park or recreational area, must yield to any pedestrian and must give an audible signal before overtaking and passing such pedestrian.

(b) A person operating an electric bicycle on a sidewalk or any other area designated for pedestrian use may not operate an electric bicycle at a speed greater than 10 miles per hour when a pedestrian is within 50 feet of the electric bicycle.

(c) A person who fails to comply with this subsection commits a noncriminal traffic infraction, punishable as a nonmoving violation as provided in chapter 318.

Section 2. Section 316.20658, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

316.20658 Electric Bicycle Safety Task Force.—

(1) CREATION.—The Electric Bicycle Safety Task Force, a

51 task force as defined in s. 20.03(5), is created adjunct to the
52 department. The department shall provide administrative and
53 staff support services related to the functions of the task
54 force.

55 (2) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the task force is to examine
56 and recommend improvements to state law and the regulatory
57 framework governing electric bicycles in order to encourage the
58 safe operation of electric bicycles and to prevent traffic
59 incidents, injuries, and fatalities involving such bicycles.

60 (3) MEMBERSHIP; MEETINGS.—

61 (a) The task force shall be composed of the executive
62 director of the department, or his or her designee; the
63 Secretary of Transportation, or his or her designee; and the
64 following members, who shall be appointed by the executive
65 director:

66 1. A representative from the Florida Sheriffs Association.

67 2. A representative from the Florida Police Chiefs
68 Association.

69 3. A representative from the electric bicycle industry.

70 4. A representative from the Florida League of Cities.

71 5. A representative from the Florida Association of
72 Counties.

73 6. A representative from the medical field with experience
74 in treating bicyclist and pedestrian injuries.

75 7. A representative from an organization involved in

76 efforts to prevent injuries and fatalities involving bicycles,
77 including electric bicycles.

78 (b) Appointments to the task force shall be made within 15
79 days after this act becomes a law.

80 (c) The executive director of the department, or his or
81 her designee, shall chair the task force, and a vacancy on the
82 task force shall be filled in the same manner as the original
83 appointment.

84 (d) The task force shall convene no later than 30 days
85 after this act becomes a law. The task force shall meet at least
86 monthly but may meet more frequently at the call of the chair.
87 At least one meeting of the task force shall occur in each of
88 the following regions of this state: North Florida, Central
89 Florida, and South Florida. All meetings shall be held at the
90 time and place designated by the chair.

91 (e) Members of the task force shall serve without
92 compensation but shall be entitled to receive reimbursement for
93 per diem and travel expenses pursuant to s. 112.061.

94 (4) REPORT.—The task force shall prepare a report that
95 includes legislative recommendations for improvements to state
96 law and the regulatory framework governing electric bicycles.
97 The report should take into account methods to improve traffic
98 safety for electric bicycle operators and riders, pedestrians,
99 and other vehicle operators through reasonable measures designed
100 to reduce traffic incidents, injuries, and fatalities.

101 (a) Before October 1, 2026, the task force shall submit
102 the report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the
103 Speaker of the House of Representatives.

104 (b) Upon submission of the report, the task force shall
105 expire.

106 (5) REPEAL.—This section is repealed October 1, 2026.

107 **Section 3.** (1) Beginning 30 days after this act becomes a
108 law, the Florida Highway Patrol and each police department and
109 sheriff's office in this state must maintain a list of all the
110 traffic crashes that each respective agency investigates which
111 involve an electric bicycle. Each electric bicycle crash must be
112 included in the list regardless of whether the crash is reported
113 on a long or short form traffic crash report or a driver
114 exchange-of-information form. Each entry in the list must
115 contain the following information concerning each traffic crash
116 involving an electric bicycle:

117 (a) The date and time of the crash.

118 (b) The class of electric bicycle involved in the crash.

119 (c) The age of the electric bicycle operator involved in
120 the crash.

121 (d) If known, whether the electric bicycle operator
122 possessed a valid Florida learner's driver license or driver
123 license at the time of the crash.

124 (2) By October 15, 2026, each police department and
125 sheriff's office in this state must submit a report to the

Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles which contains a list of all electric bicycle crashes investigated by each agency from the beginning of the reporting period through September 30, 2026. The information must be submitted in a form and manner determined by the department.

(3) By October 31, 2026, the department must submit a report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives summarizing the reports submitted to the department pursuant to subsection (2) and include in the report the list maintained by the Florida Highway Patrol. The report must separate the electric bicycle crash data by county, listing the reporting law enforcement agencies within each county.

Section 4. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law.