

ASSEMBLY TRANSPORTATION AND INDEPENDENT
AUTHORITIES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1810

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 14, 2018

The Assembly Transportation and Independent Authorities Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1810.

As reported, this bill permits the operation of low-speed electric bicycles on streets, highways, sidewalks, and bicycle paths in this State. An operator of a low-speed electric bicycle is not required to register the low-speed electric bicycle, furnish proof of insurance, or have a driver's license. The bill further provides that all statutes, rules, and regulations that are applicable to bicycles are to apply to low-speed electric bicycles.

The bill defines a low-speed electric bicycle as a two or three-wheeled vehicle with fully operable pedals and an electric motor of less than 750 watts, whose maximum speed on a paved level surface, when powered solely by a motor while operated by a person weighing 170 pounds, is less than 20 miles per hour.

The bill also clarifies that the definitions of a motor vehicle, motorcycle, motorized bicycle, and motorized scooter do not include a low-speed electric bicycle.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2018-2019 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.