

HB 25-1197: SALE OF ELECTRICAL ASSISTED BICYCLES REQUIREMENTS

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Fiscal note status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Summary Information

Overview. The bill creates disclosure and labeling requirements for sellers, manufacturers, and distributors of electrical assisted bicycles.

Types of impacts. The bill is projected to affect the following areas on an ongoing basis:

Minimal State Workload

Local Government

Fiscal Analyst:

Appropriations. No appropriation is required.

Table 1 State Fiscal Impacts

	Budget Year	Out Year
Type of Impact	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27
State Revenue	\$0	\$0
State Expenditures	\$0	\$0
Transferred Funds	\$0	\$0
Change in TABOR Refunds	\$0	\$0
Change in State FTE	0.0 FTE	0.0 FTE

Summary of Legislation

The bill requires that sellers of electrical assisted bicycles make certain disclosures to buyers, including:

- the maximum speed and continuous rated power of the bicycle;
- whether the bicycle is a class 1, class 2, class 3, or multiple mode bicycle;
- whether the bicycle is designed for the purpose of transporting passengers and the location of any seating or attachment points; and,
- if applicable, a statement that is unlawful for individuals under 16 years of age to ride a class 3 bicycle except as a passenger.

Beginning January 1, 2026, manufacturers and distributors of electrical assisted bicycles must label bicycles with certain information, including the class number, the top assisted speed, the motor wattage, and whether the bicycle is designed to transport passengers. It also requires the seller of an electrical assisted bicycle to provide the buyer with written information about existing resources where the buyer can find safety information for electrical assisted bicycles.

The bill prohibits an individual from selling a vehicle that is not an electrical assisted bicycle if it is falsely labeled as an electrical assisted bicycle. If the seller uses the words "electrical assisted bicycle," "electric bike," or "e-bike" when selling such a vehicle, it must provide the disclosure included in the bill.

Finally, the bill amends the definition of "electrical assisted bicycle" to specify that these vehicles do not include vehicles modified, manufactured, or intended to no longer meet the requirements for any class of electrical assisted bicycle.

State Expenditures

Department of Law

Workload in the Department of Law will minimally increase to the extent that complaints are filed. The department will review complaints under the bill and prioritize investigations as necessary within the overall number of complaints and available resources.

Judicial Department

The bill may increase workload in the Judicial Department for the trial courts to address any cases involving sellers, manufacturers, or distributors of electric bicycles who fail to comply with the bill's requirements. The fiscal note assumes a high level of compliance and any additional workload can be addressed with existing resources.

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Local Government

Similar to the state, if district attorneys receive complaints related to the new requirements under the bill, workload will increase to investigate complaints and seek relief when appropriate. It is assumed most cases will be handled at the state level by the Attorney General.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

Judicial

Regulatory Agencies

Law