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An act relating to electric bicycles; amending s. 316.20655, F.S.; providing requirements for the operation of electric bicycles; providing penalties; creating s. 316.20658, F.S.; creating the Electric Bicycle Safety Task Force adjunct to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles; providing the purpose of the task force; authorizing the department to provide staff to assist the task force; providing for the membership and appointment of task force members; providing a timeline in which appointments must be made and the manner in which vacancies of the task force must be filled; requiring that the task force convene at a date certain; providing certain requirements for the time and location of the task force meetings; providing for members of the task force to be reimbursed for per diem and travel expenses; requiring a report to the Governor and Legislature by a specified date; providing for the expiration date of the task force; creating an unnumbered section of law relating to the state tabulation of electric bicycle crash data; requiring certain law enforcement agencies to maintain certain statistics during a specified timeframe; requiring certain law enforcement agencies to submit certain

data to the department by a specified date; requiring the department to maintain certain statistics and provide a report to the Governor and Legislature by a specified date; providing an effective date.

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 pedestrians and must give an audible signal before overtaking and passing a pedestrian.

(b) A person operating an electric bicycle on a sidewalk or any other area designated for pedestrian use must 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, as defined in s. 20.03(5), is created adjunct to the department. The department shall provide administrative and staff support services related to the functions of the task force.

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

(3) MEMBERSHIP; MEETINGS.—

(a) The task force shall be composed of the executive director, or his or her designee; the secretary of the Department of Transportation, or his or her designee; along with the following members, which shall be appointed by the executive director:

1. A representative from the Florida Sheriffs Association.

2. A representative from the Florida Police Chiefs Association.

3. A representative from the electric bicycle industry.

4. A representative from the Florida League of Cities.

5. A representative from the Florida Association of Counties.

6. A representative from the medical field with experience relating to treating bicycle and pedestrian injuries.

7. A representative from an organization involved in

efforts to prevent bicycle, including electric bicycle, injuries and fatalities.

(b) Appointments to the task force shall be made within 15 days of this act becoming law.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Section 3. (1) Beginning 30 days after the effective date of this act, the Florida Highway Patrol and every police department and sheriff's office in the state must maintain a list of all the traffic crashes that each respective agency investigates involving an electric bicycle. Each electric bicycle crash must be included in the list regardless of whether the crash is reported on a long or short form traffic crash report or a driver exchange-of-information form. Each entry in the record must contain the following information concerning each traffic crash:

(a) Date and time of the crash.

(b) Class of electric bicycle involved in the crash.

(c) Age of the electric bicycle operator involved in the crash.

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

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

department that contains a list of all electric bicycle crashes investigated by each agency from the beginning of the reporting period to 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 summarizing the reports submitted to the department pursuant to subsection (2) and including with that summary the list created 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. The report must be submitted to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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