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An Act To Clarify the Authority To Manage Electric Bicycle Access to Off-road Trails

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DAREK M. GRANT Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.

1	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2063, sub-§14, ¶F, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 349, §7, is amended by amending subparagraph (3) to read:
4 5 6 7 8	(3) Notwithstanding subparagraphs (1) and (2), an <u>A Class 1 or Class 2</u> electric bicycle may not be operated on a bicycle path <u>or trail</u> designated for nonmotorized traffic if significant portions of the bicycle path have a natural surface, including gravel, stones or wooden bridging, unless authorized by <u>at the discretion of</u> the municipality, local authority or governing body of a public agency that has
9	jurisdiction over the bicycle path or trail.
10	SUMMARY
11 12 13	This bill clarifies that a municipality, local authority or governing body of a public agency has the discretion to permit the operation of Class 1 and Class 2 electronic bicycles on bicycle paths or trails designated for nonmotorized traffic.