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An Act to Regulate the Operation of Micromobility Devices on Public Ways

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.


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Presented by Representative SACHS of Freeport.
Cosponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland and
Representatives: ANKELES of Brunswick, ARFORD of Brunswick, BELL of Yarmouth,
O'CONNELL of Brewer, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor, ZEIGLER of Montville.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRS §101, sub-§33-A** is enacted to read:

3 **33-A. Micromobility device.** "Micromobility device" means a small, low-speed
4 human-powered or electric-powered transportation device, including a scooter, skateboard,
5 electric scooter, electric skateboard or other lightweight, wheeled conveyance that has a
6 speed of 28 miles per hour or less. "Micromobility device" does not include a bicycle, an
7 electric bicycle or a conveyance powered by an internal combustion engine.

8 **Sec. 2. 29-A MRS §2063, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 2019, c. 349, §6, is further
9 amended to read:

10 **1. Definitions.** For the purpose of this section, "bicycle" includes a motorized bicycle,
11 a motorized tricycle, a motorized scooter ~~and,~~ an electric bicycle and a micromobility
12 device.

13 **Sec. 3. 29-A MRS §2322, sub-§1,** as enacted by PL 1999, c. 331, §1, is amended
14 to read:

15 **1. Bicycle.** "Bicycle" means a vehicle primarily propelled by human power, operated
16 by a person usually seated on a seat and driven on the ground on wheels by the operator.
17 "Bicycle" includes a micromobility device except with regard to special regulations and to
18 provisions in this chapter that by their nature can have no application to vehicles other than
19 bicycles.

20 **SUMMARY**

21 This bill defines a micromobility device as a small, low-speed human-powered or
22 electric-powered transportation device, including a scooter, skateboard, electric scooter,
23 electric skateboard or other lightweight, wheeled conveyance that has a speed of 28 miles
24 per hour or less. This bill applies the rules of the road and helmet standards to
25 micromobility devices as the rules and standards are applied to bicycles.