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Introduced by: (TRA)

AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTRIC SCOOTERS, ELECTRIC BICYCLES AND MOTOR-DRIVEN CYCLES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- Section 1. Section 14-289*l* of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):
- 3 [On and after January 1, 2019, any] (a) Any manufacturer of electric
- 4 bicycles offered for sale in this state shall (1) ensure that such electric
- 5 bicycles comply with all relevant requirements for bicycles established
- 6 pursuant to 16 CFR 1512, as amended from time to time; (2) affix a
- 7 conspicuous label to each electric bicycle that contains the classification,
- 8 maximum speed and motor wattage of such electric bicycle in print not
- 9 <u>smaller than nine-point type size</u>; (3) equip each class 3 electric bicycle
- 10 with a speedometer that displays the speed at which such class 3 electric
- 11 bicycle is traveling in miles per hour; and (4) ensure that (A) the motor
- of each class 1 electric bicycle disengages when the rider of such electric
- 13 bicycle stops pedaling or such electric bicycle reaches the speed of
- 14 twenty miles per hour, (B) the motor of each class 2 electric bicycle
- 15 disengages when the brakes of such electric bicycle are applied or such

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electric bicycle reaches the speed of twenty miles per hour, and (C) the motor of each class 3 electric bicycle disengages when the rider of such electric bicycle stops pedaling or such electric bicycle reaches the speed of twenty-eight miles per hour.

- (b) No person shall modify an electric bicycle to change the motor-powered speed capability or motor engagement in such a way that the electric bicycle (1) no longer meets the definition of an electric bicycle, unless such person removes the label affixed in accordance with subsection (a) of this section, or (2) no longer meets the classification of such electric bicycle as indicated on the label affixed in accordance with subsection (a) of this section, unless such person replaces such label with a new label that accounts for the modification and contains the current classification, maximum speed and motor wattage of the electric bicycle.
- (c) Any person who violates any provision of this section shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars for the first offense, and not less than one hundred dollars or more than three hundred dollars for each subsequent offense.
 - Sec. 2. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2025) (a) A vehicle equipped with an electric motor for propulsion is not an electric bicycle if such vehicle (1) does not meet the definition of an electric bicycle as sold or offered for sale, (2) has one or more operating modes, is equipped with a throttle and is capable of exceeding twenty miles per hour on motorized propulsion alone in any mode when the throttle is engaged, or (3) has been configured or modified by any person or is designed, manufactured or intended by the manufacturer, importer or seller to be configured or modified to not meet the definition of an electric bicycle due to (A) the inclusion of a mechanical switch or button, (B) a modification or change in the software controlling the electric drive system, (C) the use of a mobile application, or (D) any other means intended by the person, manufacturer, importer or seller to modify the vehicle or allow the vehicle to be modified to no longer meet the definition of an electric bicycle.

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(b) No seller of a vehicle equipped with an electric motor for propulsion that is not an electric bicycle may sell such vehicle as an electric bicycle or offer such vehicle for sale if it is labeled as a class 1 electric bicycle, class 2 electric bicycle or class 3 electric bicycle.

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- (c) Prior to the time of sale and in any digital or print advertisements, including, but not limited to, social media, electronic mail communications, newspapers, magazines and brochures and on posters, a seller of a vehicle equipped with an electric motor for propulsion who describes such vehicle as an "electric bicycle", "electric bike", "e-bike" or other similar term shall provide a written statement to the consumer (1) disclosing the name or classification of the vehicle under state law or the most likely classification of the vehicle under state law following an intended or anticipated modification to the vehicle described in subparagraphs (A) to (D), inclusive, of subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of this section, and (2) including the following: "This vehicle is not an "electric bicycle" as defined in section 14-1 of the Connecticut General Statutes. It is instead a type of motor vehicle and subject to applicable motor vehicle laws if used on public roads or public lands. Your insurance policies might not provide coverage for crashes involving the use of this vehicle. To determine coverage, you should contact your insurance company or agent." Such written statement shall be provided clearly and conspicuously and in a manner designed to attract the attention of a consumer.
- 71 (d) A violation of any of the provisions of this section shall be deemed 72 an unfair or deceptive trade practice under chapter 735a of the general 73 statutes.
- Sec. 3. Section 14-289k of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):
 - (a) Except as provided in this section, the rider of an electric bicycle shall be afforded the same rights and privileges and subject to the same duties as the rider of a bicycle.

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- 79 (b) Except as provided in this section or where prohibited by local 80 ordinance, an electric bicycle may be ridden where bicycles are 81 permitted to travel.
- 82 (c) A class 3 electric bicycle shall not be ridden on a bicycle trail or path or multiuse trail or path.

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- (d) Except where permitted by local ordinance, a class 1 or class 2 electric bicycle shall not be ridden on a bicycle trail or path or multiuse trail or path designated for nonmotorized traffic if such trail or path has a natural surface tread made by clearing and grading the soil and no surfacing materials have been added.
- (e) No person under the age of sixteen shall ride a class 3 electric bicycle. Any person under the age of sixteen may sit as a passenger on a class 3 electric bicycle provided such bicycle is equipped or designed to carry a passenger.
 - (f) No person shall ride or sit as a passenger on an electric bicycle unless such person is wearing protective headgear that conforms to the minimum specifications established for bicycle helmets by the American National Standards Institute, the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission, the American Society for Testing and Materials or the Snell Memorial Foundation's Standard for Protective Headgear for Use in Bicycling, as amended from time to time.
- 100 (g) The provisions of subsections (b), (c) and (d) of this section shall 101 not apply to any police officer, firefighter or emergency medical 102 technician engaged in the performance of the duties of such officer, 103 firefighter or technician.
 - (h) Violation of any provision of this section shall be an infraction.
- Sec. 4. Subdivision (32) of section 14-1 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October* 1, 2025):

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108 (32) ["Electric foot scooter"] "Electric scooter" means a device (A) that 109 weighs not more than [seventy-five] one hundred pounds, (B) that has two or three wheels [,] and handlebars, [and a floorboard that can be 110 111 stood upon while riding, (C) that is designed to be ridden on in an 112 upright or seated position, (D) that is powered by an electric motor and 113 human power, and [(D)] (E) whose maximum speed, with or without 114 human propulsion on a paved level surface, is not more than twenty 115 miles per hour. "Electric scooter" does not include an electric bicycle;

- Sec. 5. Subdivision (59) of section 14-1 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October* 1, 2025):
- 119 (59) "Motor-driven cycle" means any of the following vehicles that
 120 have a seat height of not less than twenty-six inches and a gasoline,
 121 electric or hybrid motor having a capacity of less than fifty cubic
 122 centimeters piston displacement or a wattage not exceeding one
 123 thousand five hundred watts: (A) A motorcycle, other than an autocycle;
 124 (B) a motor scooter, except an electric scooter; or (C) a bicycle with
 125 attached motor, except an electric bicycle;
- Sec. 6. Subdivision (61) of section 14-1 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October* 1, 2025):
- (61) "Motorcycle" means (A) an autocycle, as defined in this section, or (B) a motor vehicle, with or without a side car, that has (i) not more than three wheels in contact with the ground, (ii) a saddle or seat which the rider straddles or a platform on which the rider stands, and (iii) handlebars with which the rider controls the movement of the vehicle. "Motorcycle" does not include a motor-driven cycle, an electric bicycle or an electric [foot] scooter;
- Sec. 7. Subsection (c) of section 14-164c of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October* 1, 2025):

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(c) The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to implement the provisions of this section. Such regulations shall include provision for a periodic inspection of air pollution control equipment and compliance with or waiver of exhaust emission standards or compliance with or waiver of on-board diagnostic standards or other standards defined by the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection and approved by the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, compliance with or waiver of, air pollution control system integrity standards defined by the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection and compliance with or waiver of purge system standards defined by the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection. Such regulations may provide for an inspection procedure using an on-board diagnostic information system for all 1996 model year and newer motor vehicles. Such regulations shall apply to all motor vehicles registered or which will be registered in this state, and to all motor vehicles sold by a dealer licensed in this state as required by subsection (n) of this section, except: (1) Vehicles having a gross weight of more than ten thousand pounds; (2) vehicles powered by electricity; (3) bicycles with motors attached; (4) motorcycles; (5) vehicles operating with a temporary registration; (6) vehicles manufactured twenty-five or more years ago; (7) new vehicles at the time of initial registration; (8) vehicles registered but not designed primarily for highway use; (9) farm vehicles, as defined in subsection (q) of section 14-49; (10) diesel-powered type II school buses; (11) a vehicle operated by a licensed dealer or repairer either to or from a location of the purchase or sale of such vehicle or for the purpose of obtaining an official emissions or safety inspection; (12) vehicles that have met the inspection requirements of section 14-103a and are registered by the commissioner as composite vehicles; (13) electric bicycles, as defined in section 14-1, as amended by this act; or (14) electric [foot] scooters, as defined in section 14-1, as amended by this act. On and after July 1, 2002, such regulations shall exempt from the periodic inspection requirement any vehicle four or less model years of age, beginning with model year 2003 and the previous three model

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173 years, provided that such exemption shall lapse upon a finding by the 174 Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency or 175 by the Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation that 176 such exemption causes the state to violate applicable federal 177 environmental or transportation planning requirements. 178 Notwithstanding any provisions of this subsection, the commissioner 179 may require an initial emissions inspection and compliance or waiver 180 prior to registration of a new motor vehicle. If the Commissioner of 181 Energy and Environmental Protection finds that it is necessary to 182 inspect motor vehicles which are exempt under subdivision (1) or (4) of 183 this subsection, or motor vehicles that are four or less model years of age 184 in order to achieve compliance with federal law concerning emission 185 reduction requirements, the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may 186 adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to 187 require the inspection of motorcycles, designated motor vehicles having 188 a gross weight of more than ten thousand pounds or motor vehicles four 189 or less model years of age.

Sec. 8. Subdivision (1) of section 14-212 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October* 1, 2025):

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(1) The following terms shall be construed as they are defined in section 14-1, as amended by this act: "Agricultural tractor", "authorized emergency vehicle", "class 1 electric bicycle", "class 2 electric bicycle", "class 3 electric bicycle", "commissioner", "driver", "electric bicycle", ["electric foot scooter"] "electric scooter", "fuels", "gross weight", "head lamp", "high-mileage vehicle", "highway", "light weight", "limited access highway", "maintenance vehicle", "motor bus", "motorcycle", "motor vehicle registration", "nonresident", "nonskid device", "number plate", "officer", "operator", "owner", "passenger motor vehicle", "passenger and commercial motor vehicle", "person", "pneumatic tires", "pole trailer", "registration", "registration number", "second offense", "semitrailer", "shoulder", "solid tires", "stop", "subsequent offense", "tail lamp", "tank vehicle", "tractor", "tractor-trailer unit", "trailer", "truck" and "vanpool

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- 206 vehicle";
- Sec. 9. Section 14-212c of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):
- A surcharge shall be imposed equivalent to one hundred per cent of
- 210 the fine established or imposed for a violation of subsection (e) of section
- 211 14-242, section 14-245, 14-246a, 14-247 or 14-247a for such violation
- 212 when the driver of a vehicle fails to grant or yield the right-of-way to a
- 213 person riding a bicycle, as defined in section 14-286, as amended by this
- 214 <u>act</u>, an electric bicycle or an electric [foot] scooter.
- Sec. 10. Subsection (a) of section 14-230 of the general statutes is
- 216 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
- 217 1, 2025):
- (a) Upon all highways, each vehicle, other than a vehicle described in
- 219 subsection (c) of this section, shall be driven upon the right, except (1)
- 220 when overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same
- 221 direction, (2) when overtaking and passing pedestrians, parked or
- standing vehicles, animals, bicycles, electric bicycles, mopeds, scooters,
- 223 electric [foot] scooters, vehicles moving at a slow speed, as defined in
- section 14-220, or obstructions on the right side of the highway, (3) when
- 225 the right side of a highway is closed to traffic while under construction
- or repair, (4) on a highway divided into three or more marked lanes for
- 227 traffic, or (5) on a highway designated and signposted for one-way
- 228 traffic.
- Sec. 11. Subsection (a) of section 14-232 of the general statutes is
- 230 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
- 231 1, 2025):
- 232 (a) Except as provided in sections 14-233 and 14-234, as amended by
- 233 <u>this act</u>, (1) the driver of a vehicle overtaking another vehicle proceeding
- in the same direction shall pass to the left thereof at a safe distance and
- shall not again drive to the right side of the highway until safely clear of

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236 the overtaken vehicle; and (2) the driver of an overtaken vehicle shall 237 give way to the right in favor of the overtaking vehicle and shall not 238 increase the speed of his or her vehicle until completely passed by the overtaking vehicle. For the purposes of this subsection, "safe distance" 239 240 means not less than three feet when the driver of a vehicle overtakes and 241 passes (A) a person riding a bicycle, an electric bicycle or an electric 242 [foot] scooter, (B) a commercial motor vehicle equipped with a garbage 243 compactor, a detachable container or a curbside recycling body, (C) a 244 tank vehicle, (D) a vehicle authorized by the United States government 245 to carry mail, (E) a vehicle operated by an express delivery carrier, or (F) 246 an agricultural tractor.

247 Sec. 12. Subsection (b) of section 14-234 of the general statutes is 248 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October* 249 1, 2025):

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- 250 (b) The driver of a vehicle may overtake and pass, in a marked nopassing zone, pedestrians, parked or standing vehicles, animals, 252 bicycles, electric bicycles, mopeds, scooters, electric [foot] scooters, 253 vehicles moving at a slow speed, as defined in section 14-220, or 254 obstructions on the right side of the highway, as listed in subdivision (2) 255 of subsection (a) of section 14-230, as amended by this act, provided such 256 overtaking and passing may be conducted safely, with adequate sight 257 distance and without interfering with oncoming traffic or endangering 258 traffic, as defined in section 14-297, as amended by this act.
- 259 Sec. 13. Subsection (f) of section 14-242 of the general statutes is 260 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective October 261 1, 2025):
 - (f) No person operating a vehicle who overtakes and passes a person riding a bicycle, an electric bicycle or an electric [foot] scooter and proceeding in the same direction shall make a right turn at any intersection or into any private road or driveway unless the turn can be made with reasonable safety and will not impede the travel of the

LCO No. 4339 9 of 26 person riding the bicycle, electric bicycle or electric [foot] scooter.

- Sec. 14. Section 14-286 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):
- (a) Each person operating a bicycle, an electric bicycle or an electric [foot] scooter upon and along a sidewalk or across any roadway upon and along a crosswalk shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian and shall give an audible signal within a reasonable distance before overtaking and passing a pedestrian. Each person operating a bicycle, an electric bicycle, an electric [foot] scooter or a motor-driven cycle upon a roadway shall, within a reasonable distance, give an audible signal before overtaking and passing a pedestrian or another person operating a bicycle, an electric bicycle, an electric [foot] scooter or a motor-driven cycle. No person shall operate a bicycle, an electric bicycle or an electric [foot] scooter upon or along a sidewalk or across a roadway upon and along a crosswalk if such operation is prohibited by any ordinance of any city, town or borough or by any regulation of the Office of the State Traffic Administration issued or adopted pursuant to the provisions of section 14-298, as amended by this act.
 - (b) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, no person shall ride a motor-driven cycle unless that person holds a valid motor vehicle operator's license. No person shall operate a motor-driven cycle on any sidewalk, limited access highway or turnpike.
- (c) (1) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may issue to a person who does not hold a valid operator's license a special permit that authorizes such person to ride a motor-driven cycle if (A) such person presents to the commissioner a certificate by a physician licensed to practice medicine in this state, a physician assistant licensed pursuant to chapter 370 or an advanced practice registered nurse licensed pursuant to chapter 378 that such person is physically disabled, as defined in section 1-1f, other than blind, and that, in the physician's, physician assistant's or advanced practice registered nurse's opinion,

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such person is capable of riding a motor-driven cycle, and (B) such person demonstrates to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles that he is able to ride a bicycle on level terrain, and a motor-driven cycle. (2) Such permit may contain limitations that the commissioner deems advisable for the safety of such person and for the public safety, including, but not limited to, the maximum speed of the motor such person may use. No person who holds a valid special permit under this subsection shall operate a motor-driven cycle in violation of any limitations imposed in the permit. Any person to whom a special permit is issued shall carry the permit at all times while operating the motor-driven cycle. Each permit issued under this subsection shall expire one year from the date of issuance.

- (d) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, the Office of the State Traffic Administration shall adopt regulations in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 determining the conditions and circumstances under which the operation of bicycles, electric bicycles and electric [foot] scooters may be permitted on those bridges in the state on limited access highways which it designates to be safe for such operation. The operation of bicycles, electric bicycles and electric [foot] scooters shall not be prohibited on any such bridges under such conditions and circumstances.
- (e) As used in this section: (1) "Sidewalk" means any sidewalk laid out as such by any town, city or borough, and any walk which is reserved by custom for the use of pedestrians, or which has been specially prepared for their use. "Sidewalk" does not include crosswalks and does not include footpaths on portions of public highways outside thickly settled parts of towns, cities and boroughs, which are worn only by travel and are not improved by such towns, cities or boroughs or by abutters; (2) "bicycle" includes all vehicles propelled by the person riding the same by foot or hand power; and (3) "motor-driven cycle" [means any motorcycle other than an autocycle, motor scooter or bicycle with an attached motor with a seat height of not less than twenty-six inches and a motor having a capacity of less than fifty cubic centimeters

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piston displacement] has the same meaning as provided in section 14-1,
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- (f) A person shall operate a motor-driven cycle on any public highway, the speed limit of which is greater than the maximum speed of the motor-driven cycle, only in the right hand lane available for traffic or upon a usable shoulder on the right side of the highway, except when preparing to make a left turn at an intersection or into or from a private road or driveway.
- (g) Any person who pleads not guilty of a violation of any provisionof this section shall be prosecuted within fifteen days of such plea.
- (h) No person may operate a high-mileage vehicle on any sidewalk,limited access highway or turnpike.
- (i) A person may park an electric [foot] scooter on any sidewalk provided (1) such electric [foot] scooter is parked in a manner that does not impede the reasonable movement of pedestrians and other traffic on such sidewalk, and (2) such parking is not prohibited by any ordinance of any city, town or borough or by any regulations of the Office of the State Traffic Administration issued or adopted pursuant to the provisions of section 14-298, as amended by this act.
 - (j) Violation of any provision of this section shall be an infraction.
- Sec. 15. Subsection (a) of section 14-286a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October* 1, 2025):
 - (a) Every person riding a bicycle, as defined in section 14-286, as amended by this act, an electric bicycle or an electric [foot] scooter upon the traveled portion of a highway shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of any vehicle subject to the requirements of the general statutes relating to motor vehicles, except (1) as to those provisions which by their nature can have

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360 no application, (2) each town, city or borough and the Office of the State 361 Traffic Administration within its jurisdiction as provided in section 14-362 298, as amended by this act, shall have authority to regulate bicycles, 363 electric bicycles and electric [foot] scooters as provided in sections 14-364 289, as amended by this act, and 14-298, as amended by this act, and (3) 365 as provided by section 14-286c, as amended by this act. No parent of any 366 child and no guardian of any ward shall authorize or knowingly permit 367 any such child or ward to violate any provision of the general statutes 368 or ordinances enacted under section 14-289, as amended by this act, 369 relating to bicycles, electric bicycles or electric [foot] scooters.

- Sec. 16. Section 14-286b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):
- (a) Any person operating a bicycle, an electric bicycle or an electric foot] scooter upon a roadway at less than the normal speed of traffic shall ride as close to the right side of the roadway as is safe, as judged by such person, except when:
- 376 (1) Overtaking or passing another vehicle proceeding in the same 377 direction;
- 378 (2) Preparing for a left turn at an intersection or into a private road or driveway;
- 380 (3) Reasonably necessary to avoid conditions, including, but not 381 limited to, fixed or moving objects, parked or moving vehicles, bicycles, 382 pedestrians, animals, surface hazards or lanes that are too narrow for a 383 bicycle, an electric bicycle or an electric [foot] scooter and a motor 384 vehicle to travel safely side by side within such lanes;

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(4) Approaching an intersection where right turns are permitted and there is a dedicated right turn lane, in which case a person operating a bicycle, an electric bicycle or an electric [foot] scooter may ride on the left-hand side of such dedicated lane, even if such person does not intend to turn right;

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(5) Riding on a roadway designated for one-way traffic, when the person operating a bicycle, an electric bicycle or an electric [foot] scooter may ride as near to the left-hand curb or edge of such roadway as judged safe by such person; or

- (6) Riding on parts of roadways separated for the exclusive use of bicycles, electric bicycles or electric [foot] scooters, including, but not limited to, contra-flow bicycle lanes, left-handed cycle tracks or bicycle lanes on one-way streets and two-way cycle tracks or bicycle lanes.
- (b) Persons riding bicycles, electric bicycles or electric [foot] scooters upon a roadway shall not ride more than two abreast except on paths or parts of roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles, electric bicycles or electric [foot] scooters. Persons riding two abreast, as provided in this subsection, shall not impede the normal and reasonable movement of traffic, and, on a laned roadway, shall ride within a single lane.
- (c) No person riding upon any bicycle, electric bicycle, motor-driven cycle, roller skates, skis, sled, skateboard, coaster, toy vehicle, electric [foot] scooter or any other vehicle not designed or intended to be towed shall attach the same or such person to any vehicle moving or about to move on a public roadway nor shall the operator of such vehicle knowingly permit any person riding a bicycle, electric bicycle, motor-driven cycle, roller skates, skis, skateboard, coaster, sled, toy vehicle, electric [foot] scooter or any other vehicle not designed or intended to be towed to attach the same or such person to such vehicle so operated or about to be operated, provided any person operating a bicycle solely by foot or hand power may attach a bicycle trailer or semitrailer thereto, provided such trailer or semitrailer is designed for such attachment.
- (d) No person operating a bicycle, as defined in section 14-286, as amended by this act, an electric bicycle or an electric [foot] scooter upon a roadway, path or part of roadway set aside for exclusive use of bicycles, electric bicycles or electric [foot] scooters shall carry on such

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bicycle, electric bicycle or electric [foot] scooter a passenger unless such bicycle, electric bicycle or electric [foot] scooter is equipped or designed to carry passengers, provided any person who has attained the age of eighteen years may carry any child while such person is operating a bicycle propelled solely by foot or hand power, provided such child is securely attached to his or her person by means of a back pack, sling or other similar device. The term "child", as used in this subsection, means any person who has not attained the age of four years.

- (e) No person operating a bicycle, as defined in section 14-286, as amended by this act, an electric bicycle or an electric [foot] scooter shall carry any package, bundle or other article which prevents such person from using both hands in the operation of such bicycle, electric bicycle or electric [foot] scooter. Each person operating such bicycle, electric bicycle or electric [foot] scooter shall keep at least one hand on the handlebars thereof when such bicycle, electric bicycle or electric [foot] scooter is in motion.
- (f) Violation of any provision of this section shall be an infraction.
- Sec. 17. Section 14-286c of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):
 - (a) Each person riding a bicycle, an electric bicycle or an electric [foot] scooter, upon the traveled portion of a highway and intending to make a left turn after proceeding pursuant to the provisions of section 14-244 or subsection (b) of this section may, in lieu of the procedure prescribed by section 14-241, approach as close as practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of the highway, proceed across the intersecting roadway and make such turn as close as practicable to the curb or edge of the highway on the far side of the intersection, provided such procedure is not prohibited by any regulation issued by any town, city, borough or the Office of the State Traffic Administration.
 - (b) Each person riding a bicycle, an electric bicycle or an electric [foot] scooter upon the traveled portion of a highway and intending to make

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- a right turn may, in lieu of the procedure prescribed by section 14-244,
- 453 before turning and while in motion or if stopped while waiting to turn,
- 454 signal such turn by extending such person's right hand and arm
- 455 horizontally with forefinger extended.
- (c) No person operating a bicycle, an electric bicycle or an electric
- 457 [foot] scooter upon the traveled portion of a highway and intending to
- 458 make a right or left turn shall be required when making a signal of such
- intention to make such signal continuously.
- Sec. 18. Section 14-286d of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 461 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):
- 462 (a) For the purposes of this section and section 14-286e, "bicycle"
- means any vehicle propelled by the person riding the same by foot or
- 464 hand power.
- (b) No child fifteen years of age or under shall operate a bicycle,
- 466 electric bicycle, nonmotorized scooter, skateboard or electric [foot]
- scooter or wear roller skates or in-line skates on the traveled portion of
- any highway, at a skateboarding park or any park unless such child is
- 469 wearing properly fitted and fastened protective headgear which
- 470 conforms to the minimum specifications established by the American
- 471 National Standards Institute, the United States Consumer Product
- 472 Safety Commission, the American Society for Testing and Materials or
- 473 the Snell Memorial Foundation's Standard for Protective Headgear for
- 474 Use in Bicycling, as amended from time to time. Failure to comply with
- 475 this section shall not be a violation or an offense. Failure to wear
- 476 protective headgear as required by this subsection shall not be
- considered to be contributory negligence on the part of the parent or the
- 478 child nor shall such failure be admissible in any civil action.
- (c) A law enforcement officer may issue a verbal warning to the
- parent or guardian of a child that such child has failed to comply with
- the provisions of subsection (b) of this section.

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(d) A person, firm or corporation engaged in the business of renting bicycles, electric bicycles or electric [foot] scooters shall provide protective headgear conforming to the minimum specifications established by the American National Standards Institute, the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission, the American Society for Testing and Materials or the Snell Memorial Foundation's Standard for Protective Headgear for Use in Bicycling, as amended from time to time, to any person under sixteen years of age who will operate the bicycle, electric bicycle or electric [foot] scooter if such person does not have protective headgear in his or her possession. A fee may be charged for the protective headgear rental. Violation of any of the provisions of this subsection shall be an infraction.

- (e) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall post on the Department of Consumer Protection's Internet web site information concerning the dangers of riding bicycles, electric bicycles or electric [foot] scooters, skateboarding, roller skating and in-line skating without protective headgear and promoting the use of protective headgear while riding bicycles, electric bicycles or electric [foot] scooters, skateboarding, roller skating and in-line skating.
- Sec. 19. Section 14-288 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):
- (a) Each bicycle, electric bicycle or electric [foot] scooter operated upon the public highway, during the times or under the conditions as provided in subsection (a) of section 14-96a, shall display a lighted lamp upon the forward part of such bicycle, electric bicycle or electric [foot] scooter. Such lamp shall, when lighted, emit a white light which in clear weather shall be visible at a distance of not less than five hundred feet in the direction in which such bicycle, electric bicycle or electric [foot] scooter is proceeding. Each bicycle, electric bicycle or electric [foot] scooter shall also, at all times, be equipped with a reflector or reflecting tail light lens, which reflector or lens shall be attached to the rear of such bicycle, electric bicycle or electric [foot] scooter in such manner as to

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reflect rays of light thrown upon the same, and such reflector or reflecting tail shall be visible at a distance of not less than six hundred feet from the rear when illuminated by the head lamps of a motor vehicle. Such bicycle, electric bicycle or electric [foot] scooter shall also be equipped with reflective material so placed and of sufficient size and reflectivity to be visible from both sides of such bicycle, electric bicycle or electric [foot] scooter at a distance of not less than six hundred feet when illuminated by the head lamps of a motor vehicle. Each bicycle, electric bicycle or electric [foot] scooter shall also, at all times, be equipped with a braking device sufficient to enable the operator thereof to stop within twenty-five feet on dry, level and clean pavement when moving at a speed of ten miles per hour. No person shall equip a bicycle, an electric bicycle or an electric [foot] scooter with a siren or device which emits a whistle or use a siren or device which emits a whistle while operating a bicycle, an electric bicycle or an electric [foot] scooter.

- (b) Operation of a bicycle, an electric bicycle or an electric [foot] scooter in conflict with any provision of this section shall be an infraction.
- Sec. 20. Section 14-289 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

Each town, city and borough shall have authority to make any ordinance not inconsistent with section 14-286, as amended by this act, or 14-288, as amended by this act, or any regulation of the Office of the State Traffic Administration issued pursuant to section 14-298, as amended by this act, respecting governing and controlling the use of bicycles, electric bicycles and electric [foot] scooters within such town, city or borough, with appropriate penalties for violation thereof, which ordinances may include provisions requiring annual licensing of bicycles, electric bicycles or electric [foot] scooters and providing for registration of any sale of, or change of ownership in, a bicycle, an electric bicycle or an electric [foot] scooter.

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Sec. 21. Subdivision (1) of section 14-297 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October* 1, 2025):

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- (1) The following terms shall be construed as they are defined in section 14-1, as amended by this act: "Authorized emergency vehicle", "class 1 electric bicycle", "class 2 electric bicycle", "class 3 electric bicycle", "driver", "electric bicycle", ["electric foot scooter"] "electric scooter", "head lamp", "highway", "limited access highway", "motor vehicle", "number plate", "operator", "person", "rotary" or "roundabout", "shoulder", "stop", "tank vehicle", "truck" and "vehicle";
- Sec. 22. Section 14-298 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

There shall be within the Department of Transportation the Office of the State Traffic Administration, which shall constitute a successor to the State Traffic Commission, in accordance with the provisions of sections 4-38d, 4-38e and 4-39. For the purpose of standardization and uniformity, said office shall adopt and cause to be printed for publication regulations establishing a uniform system of traffic control signals, devices, signs and markings consistent with the provisions of this chapter for use upon the public highways. The Commissioner of Transportation shall make known to the General Assembly the availability of such regulations and any requesting member shall be sent a written copy or electronic storage media of such regulations by said commissioner. Taking into consideration the public safety and convenience with respect to the width and character of the highways and roads affected, the density of traffic thereon and the character of such traffic, said office shall also adopt regulations, in cooperation and agreement with local traffic authorities, governing the use of state highways and roads on state-owned properties, and the operation of vehicles, including, but not limited to, motor vehicles, bicycles, as defined in section 14-286, as amended by this act, electric bicycles and electric [foot] scooters thereon. A list of limited-access highways shall be

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published with such regulations and said list shall be revised and published once each year. The Commissioner of Transportation shall make known to the General Assembly the availability of such regulations and list and any requesting member shall be sent a written copy or electronic storage media of such regulations and list by the commissioner. A list of limited-access highways opened to traffic by the Commissioner of Transportation in the interim period between publications shall be maintained in the Office of the State Traffic Administration and such regulations shall apply to the use of such listed highways. Said office shall also make regulations, in cooperation and agreement with local traffic authorities, respecting the use by through truck traffic of streets and highways within the limits of, and under the jurisdiction of, any city, town or borough of this state for the protection and safety of the public. If said office determines that the prohibition of through truck traffic on any street or highway is necessary because of an immediate and imminent threat to the public health and safety and the local traffic authority is precluded for any reason from acting on such prohibition, the office, if it is not otherwise precluded from so acting, may impose such prohibition. Said office may place and maintain traffic control signals, signs, markings and other safety devices, which it deems to be in the interests of public safety, upon such highways as come within the jurisdiction of said office as set forth in section 14-297, as amended by this act. The traffic authority of any city, town or borough may place and maintain traffic control signals, signs, markings and other safety devices upon the highways under its jurisdiction, and all such signals, devices, signs and markings shall conform to the regulations established by said office in accordance with this chapter, and such traffic authority shall, with respect to traffic control signals, conform to the provisions of section 14-299.

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608 609 Sec. 23. Section 14-300i of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

(a) As used in this section, (1) "vulnerable user" means: (A) A pedestrian; (B) a highway worker; (C) a person riding or driving an

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animal; (D) a person riding a bicycle, an electric bicycle or an electric [foot] scooter; (E) a person using a skateboard, roller skates or in-line skates; (F) a person operating or riding on an agricultural tractor; (G) a person using a wheelchair or motorized chair; (H) a person who is blind and such person's service animal; and (I) a person operating (i) a commercial motor vehicle equipped with a garbage compactor, a detachable container or a curbside recycling body, (ii) a tank vehicle, (iii) a vehicle authorized by the United States government to carry mail, or (iv) a vehicle authorized by an express delivery carrier service, (2) "public way" includes any state or other public highway, road, street, avenue, alley, driveway, parkway or place, under the control of the state or any political subdivision of the state, dedicated, appropriated or opened to public travel or other use, (3) "substantial bodily harm" means bodily injury that involves a temporary but substantial disfigurement, causes a temporary but substantial loss or impairment of the function of any bodily part or organ, or causes a fracture of any bodily part, (4) "serious physical injury" has the same meaning as provided in section 53a-3, and (5) "service animal" has the same meaning as provided in section 22-345.

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- (b) Any person operating a motor vehicle on a public way who fails to exercise reasonable care and causes substantial bodily harm to, or the serious physical injury or death, of a vulnerable user of a public way, provided such vulnerable user has shown reasonable care in such user's use of the public way, shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars.
- Sec. 24. Section 14-300j of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):
 - (a) For the purposes of this section, "moving traffic" includes, but is not limited to, a motor vehicle, bicycle, electric bicycle or electric [foot] scooter using a highway for the purpose of travel and a pedestrian or a person riding a bicycle, electric bicycle or electric [foot] scooter on a sidewalk, shoulder or bikeway for the purpose of travel, and "bikeway" has the same meaning as provided in subsection (a) of section 13a-153f.

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(b) No person shall open the door of a motor vehicle in such a manner as to cause physical contact with moving traffic with such door, provided moving traffic is traveling at a reasonable rate of speed and with due regard for the safety of all persons and property.

- 646 (c) No person shall leave the door of a motor vehicle open for a period 647 of time longer than necessary to load or unload passengers and in such 648 a manner as to cause physical contact with moving traffic with such 649 door.
- (d) Any person who violates any provision of this section shall have committed an infraction.
- Sec. 25. Subsection (b) of section 51-164n of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October* 1, 2025):
- 655 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, any person 656 who is alleged to have committed (1) a violation under the provisions of 657 section 1-9, 1-10, 1-11, 2-71h, 4b-13, 7-13, 7-14, 7-35 or 7-41, subsection (c) 658 of section 7-66, section 7-83, 7-147h, 7-148, 7-283, 7-325, 7-393, 8-12, 8-25, 659 8-27, 9-63, 9-322, 9-350, 10-185, 10-193, 10-197, 10-198, 10-230, 10-251, 10-660 254, 10a-35, 12-52, 12-54, 12-129b or 12-170aa, subdivision (3) of 661 subsection (e) of section 12-286, section 12-286a, 12-292, 12-314b or 12-662 326g, subdivision (4) of section 12-408, subdivision (3), (5) or (6) of 663 section 12-411, section 12-435c, 12-476a, 12-476b, 12-476c, 12-487,13a-664 26b, 13a-71, 13a-107, 13a-113, 13a-114, 13a-115, 13a-117b, 13a-123, 13a-665 124, 13a-139, 13a-140, 13a-143b, 13a-253, 13a-263 or 13b-39f, subsection 666 (f) of section 13b-42, section 13b-90 or 13b-100, subsection (a) of section 667 13b-108, section 13b-221 or 13b-292, subsection (a) or (b) of section 13b-668 324, section 13b-336, 13b-337, 13b-338, 13b-410a, 13b-410b or 13b-410c, 669 subsection (a), (b) or (c) of section 13b-412, section 13b-414 or 14-4, 670 subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 14-12, subsection (d) of 671 section 14-12, subsection (f) of section 14-12a, subsection (a) of section 672 14-15a, section 14-16c, 14-20a or 14-27a, subsection (f) of section 14-34a,

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673 subsection (d) of section 14-35, section 14-43, 14-44j, 14-49, 14-50a, 14-58 674 or 14-62a, subsection (b) of section 14-66, section 14-66a or 14-67a, 675 subsection (g) of section 14-80, subsection (f) or (i) of section 14-80h, 676 section 14-97a or 14-98, subsection (a), (b) or (d) of section 14-100a, 677 section 14-100b, 14-103a, 14-106a, 14-106c, 14-145a, 14-146, 14-152, 14-678 153, 14-161 or 14-163b, subsection (f) of section 14-164i, section 14-213b 679 or 14-219, subdivision (1) of section 14-223a, subsection (d) of section 14-680 224, section 14-240, 14-250, 14-253a, 14-261a, 14-262, 14-264, 14-266, 14-681 267a, 14-269, 14-270, 14-272b, 14-274, 14-275 or 14-275a, subsection (c) of 682 section 14-275c, section 14-276, subsection (a) or (b) of section 14-277, 683 section 14-278, 14-279 or 14-280, subsection (b), (e) or (h) of section 14-684 283, section 14-283d, 14-283e, 14-283f, 14-283g, 14-289l, as amended by 685 this act, 14-291, 14-293b, 14-296aa, 14-298a, 14-300, 14-300d, 14-300f, 14-686 319, 14-320, 14-321, 14-325a, 14-326, 14-330 or 14-332a, subdivision (1), 687 (2) or (3) of section 14-386a, section 15-15e, 15-25 or 15-33, subdivision 688 (1) of section 15-97, subsection (a) of section 15-115, section 16-15, 16-16, 16-44, 16-256e, 16-278 or 16a-15, subsection (a) of section 16a-21, section 689 690 16a-22, subsection (a) or (b) of section 16a-22h, section 16a-106, 17a-24, 691 17a-145, 17a-149 or 17a-152, subsection (b) of section 17a-227, section 692 17a-465, subsection (c) of section 17a-488, section 17b-124, 17b-131, 17b-693 137, 19a-33, 19a-39 or 19a-87, subsection (b) of section 19a-87a, section 694 19a-91, 19a-102a, 19a-102b, 19a-105, 19a-107, 19a-113, 19a-215, 19a-216a, 19a-219, 19a-222, 19a-224, 19a-286, 19a-287, 19a-297, 19a-301, 19a-309, 695 696 19a-335, 19a-336, 19a-338, 19a-339, 19a-340, 19a-425, 19a-442, 19a-502, 697 19a-565, 20-7a, 20-14, 20-153a, 20-158, 20-231, 20-233, 20-249, 20-257, 20-698 265, 20-324e, 20-329c or 20-329g, subsection (b) of section 20-334, section 699 20-3411, 20-366, 20-482, 20-597, 20-608, 20-610, 20-623, 21-1, 21-38, 21-39, 700 21-43, 21-47, 21-48 or 21-63, subsection (d) of section 21-71, section 21-701 76a or 21-100, subsection (c) of section 21a-2, subdivision (1) of section 702 21a-19, section 21a-20 or 21a-21, subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of 703 section 21a-25, section 21a-26, subsection (a) of section 21a-37, section 704 21a-46, 21a-61, 21a-63, 21a-70b or 21a-77, subsection (b) or (c) of section 705 21a-79, section 21a-85 or 21a-154, subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of 706 section 21a-159, section 21a-278b, subsection (c), (d) or (e) of section 21a-

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741 52, 31-52a, 31-53 or 31-54, subsection (a) or (c) of section 31-69, section 742 31-70, 31-74, 31-75, 31-76, 31-76a, 31-89b or 31-134, subsection (i) of 743 section 31-273, section 31-288, 31-348, 33-624, 33-1017, 34-13d or 34-412, 744 subdivision (1) of section 35-20, subsection (a) of section 36a-57, 745 subsection (b) of section 36a-665, section 36a-699, 36a-739, 36a-787, 38a-746 2 or 38a-140, subsection (a) or (b) of section 38a-278, section 38a-479qq, 747 38a-479rr, 38a-506, 38a-548, 38a-626, 38a-680, 38a-713, 38a-733, 38a-764, 748 38a-786, 38a-828, 38a-829, 38a-885, 42-133hh, 42-230, 42-470 or 42-480, 749 subsection (a) or (c) of section 43-16q, section 45a-283, 45a-450, 45a-634 750 or 45a-658, subdivision (13) or (14) of section 46a-54, section 46a-59, 46a-751 81b, 46b-22, 46b-24, 46b-34, 46b-38d, 47-34a, 47-47 or 47-53, subsection 752 (i) of section 47a-21, subdivision (1) of subsection (k) of section 47a-21, 753 section 49-2a, 49-8a, 49-16, 52-143 or 52-289, subsection (j) of section 52-754 362, section 53-133, 53-199, 53-212a, 53-249a, 53-252, 53-264, 53-280, 53-755 290a, 53-302a, 53-303e, 53-311a, 53-314, 53-321, 53-322, 53-323 or 53-331, 756 subsection (b) of section 53-343a, section 53-344, subsection (b) or (c) of 757 section 53-344b, subsection (b) of section 53-345a, section 53-377, 53-422 758 or 53-450 or subsection (i) of section 54-36a, or (2) a violation under the 759 provisions of chapter 268, or (3) a violation of any regulation adopted in 760 accordance with the provisions of section 12-484, 12-487 or 13b-410, or 761 (4) a violation of any ordinance, regulation or bylaw of any town, city or 762 borough, except violations of building codes and the health code, for which the penalty exceeds ninety dollars but does not exceed two 763 764 hundred fifty dollars, unless such town, city or borough has established 765 a payment and hearing procedure for such violation pursuant to section 766 7-152c, shall follow the procedures set forth in this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following			
sections:			
Section 1	October 1, 2025	14-2891	
Sec. 2	October 1, 2025	New section	
Sec. 3	October 1, 2025	14-289k	
Sec. 4	October 1, 2025	14-1(32)	
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Sec. 8	October 1, 2025	14-212(1)
Sec. 9	October 1, 2025	14-212c
Sec. 10	October 1, 2025	14-230(a)
Sec. 11	October 1, 2025	14-232(a)
Sec. 12	October 1, 2025	14-234(b)
Sec. 13	October 1, 2025	14-242(f)
Sec. 14	October 1, 2025	14-286
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Sec. 16	October 1, 2025	14-286b
Sec. 17	October 1, 2025	14-286c
Sec. 18	October 1, 2025	14-286d
Sec. 19	October 1, 2025	14-288
Sec. 20	October 1, 2025	14-289
Sec. 21	October 1, 2025	14-297(1)
Sec. 22	October 1, 2025	14-298
Sec. 23	October 1, 2025	14-300i
Sec. 24	October 1, 2025	14-300j
Sec. 25	October 1, 2025	51-164n(b)

Statement of Purpose:

To (1) redefine "electric foot scooter" and "motor-driven cycle", (2) specify electric vehicles that do meet the definition of electric bicycles, and (3) make selling or advertising such electric vehicles as electric bicycles an unfair or deceptive trade practice.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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