

SB3595



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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Introduced 2/5/2026, by Sen. Meg Loughran Cappel

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/11-1517

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Allows a State entity to prohibit the use of low-speed electric bicycles or a specific class of low-speed electric bicycles on any bicycle path the State entity has jurisdiction over.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning transportation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by
5 changing Section 11-1517 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/11-1517)

7 Sec. 11-1517. Low-speed electric bicycles.

8 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this Section, the
9 provisions of this Chapter that apply to bicycles also apply
10 to low-speed electric bicycles.

11 (b) Each low-speed electric bicycle operating in this
12 State shall comply with equipment and manufacturing
13 requirements adopted by the United States Consumer Product
14 Safety Commission under 16 CFR 1512. Each Class 3 low-speed
15 electric bicycle shall be equipped with a speedometer that
16 displays the speed the bicycle is traveling in miles per hour.

17 (c) Beginning on or after January 1, 2018, every
18 manufacturer and distributor of low-speed electric bicycles
19 shall apply a label that is permanently affixed to the bicycle
20 in a prominent location. The label shall contain, in Arial
21 font in at least 9-point type:

22 (1) a classification number for the bicycle that
23 corresponds with a class under Section 1-140.10 of this

1 Code;

2 (2) the bicycle's top assisted speed; and

3 (3) the bicycle's motor wattage.

4 No person shall knowingly tamper or modify the speed
5 capability or engagement of a low-speed electric bicycle
6 without replacing the label required under this subsection
7 (c).

8 (d) A Class 2 low-speed electric bicycle shall operate in
9 a manner so that the electric motor is disengaged or ceases to
10 function when the brakes are applied. A Class 1 low-speed
11 electric bicycle and a Class 3 low-speed electric bicycle
12 shall operate in a manner so that the electric motor is
13 disengaged or ceases to function when the rider stops
14 pedaling.

15 (e) A person may operate a low-speed electric bicycle upon
16 any highway, street, or roadway authorized for use by
17 bicycles, including, but not limited to, bicycle lanes.

18 (f) A person may operate a low-speed electric bicycle upon
19 any bicycle path unless the State, municipality, county, or
20 local authority with jurisdiction prohibits the use of
21 low-speed electric bicycles or a specific class of low-speed
22 electric bicycles on that path.

23 (g) A person may not operate a low-speed electric bicycle
24 on a sidewalk.

25 (h) A person may operate a Class 3 low-speed electric
26 bicycle only if he or she is 16 years of age or older. A person

1 who is less than 16 years of age may ride as a passenger on a
2 Class 3 low-speed electric bicycle that is designed to
3 accommodate passengers.

4 (Source: P.A. 100-209, eff. 1-1-18.)