

Motor Vehicle Advisory

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TO: All Law Enforcement Officials
FROM: Rosalie Johnson, Acting Chair and Chief Administrator
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SUBJECT: **E-Bike Law Implementation**

Starting June 26, 2026, the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (NJMVC) will begin issuing licenses and registrations for e-bike operators in accordance with P.L.2025, c.285. This act amended various definitions at N.J.S.A. 39:1-1; expanded the categories of bicycles classified as motorized bicycles; and established certain license, registration, and insurance requirements for the operation of low-speed electric bicycles and motorized bicycles in the state.

The term “e-bike” commonly refers to both low-speed electric bicycles and motorized bicycles as defined under N.J.S.A. 39:1-1:

- Low-speed electric bicycle — a pedal assisted bicycle with a helper motor that only provides assistance while pedaling up to 20 mph.
- Motorized bicycle — a pedal assisted bicycle with either:
 - An engine under 50 cubic centimeters;
 - An electric motor that provides assistance while pedaling or with a throttle up to 28 mph; or
 - An electric motor that provides assistance while using a throttle, up to 15 mph.

The operation of an e-bike is prohibited for those under the age of 15.

See below for a summary of the license, registration, and insurance requirements for operating low-speed electric bicycles and motorized bicycles pursuant to P.L.2025, c.285.

License Requirements

To lawfully operate a low-speed electric bicycle or motorized bicycle:

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- Operators aged 17 and older must possess a valid driver license (any class)
- Operators aged 15-17, or those without a valid driver license, must possess a valid moped license (class F)

Sample images of a valid moped license — both standard and REAL ID — can be found in the appendix on page 8.

As per N.J.S.A. 39:4-14.3(c)(4), operators of low-speed electric bicycles are exempt from license requirements if they are: (1) operating a rented vehicle from a company contracted with a local government and (2) at least 16 years of age.

Registration Requirements

All low-speed electric bicycles and motorized bicycles must be registered with the NJMVC for lawful operation. Operators must also possess proof of registration, in paper or electronic form, while operating the vehicle.

Upon registration, low-speed electric bicycle and motorized bicycle operators will receive two (2) license plate stickers that shall be placed on both sides of the vehicle's front fork, as shown below:



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Insurance Requirements

Operators of low-speed electric bicycles are not required to maintain insurance on the vehicle.

Operators of motorized bicycles must maintain insurance on the vehicle and possess proof of insurance while operating the vehicle.



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Appendix

Operators of low-speed electric bicycles are not required to maintain insurance on the vehicle.

Please see examples below of low-speed electric bicycles.

Low Speed E Bike with pedal assist



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Operators of motorized bicycles must maintain insurance on the vehicle and possess proof of insurance while operating the vehicle.

Please see examples below of motorized bicycles

Motorized Bike (Notice the large engine)



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E-trikes are not defined as an electric bicycle of any kind and are exempt from this law.

Please see an example below of an e-trike.



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Please see below an example of an e-bike license (REAL ID License).



Please see below an example of an e-bike license (Standard License).

