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An act relating to electric bicycles; amending s. 316.20655, F.S.; providing requirements for the operation of electric bicycles; providing penalties; creating s. 316.20658, F.S.; creating the Electric Bicycle Safety Task Force adjunct to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles; requiring the department to provide staff to assist the task force; providing the purpose of the task force; providing for the membership of the task force and the appointment of task force members; providing a timeline in which appointments must be made and the manner in which vacancies on the task force must be filled; requiring that the task force convene within a specified timeframe; providing requirements for the time and location of the task force meetings; providing for members of the task force to be reimbursed for per diem and travel expenses; requiring a report to the Governor and Legislature by a specified date; providing for the expiration of the task force; providing for future repeal; requiring certain law enforcement agencies to maintain certain statistics during a specified timeframe; requiring certain law enforcement agencies to submit a report to the department by a specified date; requiring the

department to submit a report to the Governor and Legislature by a specified date; providing effective dates.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Effective July 1, 2026, subsection (10) is added to section 316.20655, Florida Statutes, to read:

316.20655 Electric bicycle regulations.—

(10)(a) A person operating an electric bicycle on a shared pathway that is not located adjacent to a roadway, including a shared pathway located in a park or recreational area, must yield to any pedestrian and must give an audible signal before overtaking and passing such pedestrian.

(b) A person operating an electric bicycle on a sidewalk or any other area designated for pedestrian use may not operate an electric bicycle at a speed greater than 10 miles per hour when a pedestrian is within 50 feet of the electric bicycle.

(c) A person who fails to comply with this subsection commits a noncriminal traffic infraction, punishable as a nonmoving violation as provided in chapter 318.

Section 2. Section 316.20658, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

316.20658 Electric Bicycle Safety Task Force.—

(1) CREATION.—The Electric Bicycle Safety Task Force, a

task force as defined in s. 20.03(5), is created adjunct to the department. The department shall provide administrative and staff support services related to the functions of the task force.

(2) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the task force is to examine and recommend improvements to state law and the regulatory framework governing electric bicycles in order to encourage the safe operation of electric bicycles and to prevent traffic incidents, injuries, and fatalities involving such bicycles.

(3) MEMBERSHIP; MEETINGS.—

(a) The task force shall be composed of the executive director of the department, or his or her designee; the Secretary of Transportation, or his or her designee; and the following members, who shall be appointed by the executive director:

1. A representative from the Florida Sheriffs Association.

2. A representative from the Florida Police Chiefs Association.

3. A representative from the electric bicycle industry.

4. A representative from the Florida League of Cities.

5. A representative from the Florida Association of Counties.

6. A representative from the medical field with experience in treating bicyclist and pedestrian injuries.

7. A representative from an organization involved in

efforts to prevent injuries and fatalities involving bicycles, including electric bicycles.

(b) Appointments to the task force shall be made within 15 days after this act becomes a law.

(c) The executive director of the department, or his or her designee, shall chair the task force, and a vacancy on the task force shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

(d) The task force shall convene no later than 30 days after this act becomes a law. The task force shall meet at least monthly but may meet more frequently at the call of the chair. At least one meeting of the task force shall occur in each of the following regions of this state: North Florida, Central Florida, and South Florida. All meetings shall be held at the time and place designated by the chair.

(e) Members of the task force shall serve without compensation but shall be entitled to receive reimbursement for per diem and travel expenses pursuant to s. 112.061.

(4) REPORT.—The task force shall prepare a report that includes legislative recommendations for improvements to state law and the regulatory framework governing electric bicycles. The report should take into account methods to improve traffic safety for electric bicycle operators and riders, pedestrians, and other vehicle operators through reasonable measures designed to reduce traffic incidents, injuries, and fatalities.

(a) Before October 1, 2026, the task force shall submit the report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

(b) Upon submission of the report, the task force shall expire.

(5) REPEAL.—This section is repealed October 1, 2026.

Section 3. (1) Beginning 30 days after this act becomes a law, the Florida Highway Patrol and each police department and sheriff's office in this state must maintain a list of all the traffic crashes that each respective agency investigates which involve an electric bicycle. Each electric bicycle crash must be included in the list regardless of whether the crash is reported on a long or short form traffic crash report or a driver exchange-of-information form. Each entry in the list must contain the following information concerning each traffic crash involving an electric bicycle:

(a) The date and time of the crash.

(b) The class of electric bicycle involved in the crash.

(c) The age of the electric bicycle operator involved in the crash.

(d) If known, whether the electric bicycle operator possessed a valid Florida learner's driver license or driver license at the time of the crash.

(2) By October 15, 2026, each police department and sheriff's office in this state must submit a report to the

Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles which contains a list of all electric bicycle crashes investigated by each agency from the beginning of the reporting period through September 30, 2026. The information must be submitted in a form and manner determined by the department.

(3) By October 31, 2026, the department must submit a report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives summarizing the reports submitted to the department pursuant to subsection (2) and include in the report the list maintained by the Florida Highway Patrol. The report must separate the electric bicycle crash data by county, listing the reporting law enforcement agencies within each county.

Section 4. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law.