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New Jersey E-Bike Law Summary
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Low Speed Electric Bicycles

- Has pedals, two wheels, pedal assist up to 20 mph, and no throttle.
- This category most closely relates to the former Class 1 category.
- Requires license and registration for all users. Note that the registration requirements additionally include display of a license plate on the device.
- No insurance required.
- Minimum age to ride is 15. Riders between the ages of 15-16 are required to obtain a special license; riders ages 17 and older can use a driver's license.
- Helmet required, regardless of age.

Motorized Bicycles

- Has pedals, two wheels, and a throttle with a top assist speed of 28 mph.
- This category most closely relates to the former Class 2 and Class 3 categories.
- Requires license, registration, and insurance for all users. Note that the registration requirements additionally include display of a license plate on the device.
- Riders between the ages of 15-16 are required to obtain a special license; riders ages 17 and older can use a driver's license.
- Persons using devices under the new classification (formerly Class 2 and 3) will need to wear a NJDOT approved helmet.

Electric Motorized Bicycles (E-Motorcycle)

- Has pedals, two wheels, a motor of 750 Watts or higher, and a throttle that drives the device at speeds higher than 28 mph.
- Licensing, registration, and insurance were already required for motorcycles before the law was adopted.
- All existing regulations for Motorcycles now apply to all devices in this classification.
    - Motorcycle endorsement on license
    - NJDOT approved helmet
    - Equipment (headlight, tail/brake lights, turn signals, etc..)

Additional info and/or changes to the law can be found at:

https://www.nj.gov/mvc/vehicletopics/ebike.htm