2026 Electric Bicycle Legislation

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AB 1557 (Papan) *E-Bike Motor Limits*	• Redefines the classes of electric bicycles (e-bikes) based on their motor and speed assistance capabilities. • Prohibits class 1 and class 2 e-bikes from providing assistance when speeds reach 16mph, down from 20mph. • Prohibits manufacturers and retailers from selling class 1 or class 2 e-bikes capable of exceeding 750 watts of peak power and 250 watts of continuous power.	✓
AB 1569 (Davies) *E-bikes at Schools*	• Require K-12 student e-bike riders to complete the electric bicycle safety and training program developed by the Department of the California Highway Patrol or a related safety course as a condition to park on campus.	

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AB 1942 (Bauer-Kahan) *E-Bike License & Registration*	• Require class 2 and class 3 e-bikes to be registered with the DMV and to display a special license plate issued by the department. • Provide a loan from the General Fund to support the DMV's administrative costs to establish the Electric Bicycle Registration Fund.	✓
AB 2284 (Dixon) *Labeling & Advertising*	• Require CHP and biking non-profits to compile a list of two-wheeled devices that are labeled, advertised, or commonly perceived as e-bikes, but do not comply with the definition of any single class of e-bikes.	
AB 2346 (Wilson) *Speedometers, Lights, Labeling & Speed Limits*	• Requires class 1 and class 2 e-bikes to be equipped with a speedometer and front and rear lights • Requires manufacturers and distributors of electric bicycles to include a written description of California's e-bike laws with the bicycle's packaging to be provided to the consumer.	✓

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	• Prohibit a person under 16 from riding a self-propelled device at a speed greater than 15 MPH without a driver's learning permit. • Allow local authorities to set speed limits on biking paths and trails and also set a prima facie speed limit of 5 MPH on a sidewalk and 15 MPH for a Class IV bikeway.	
AB 2595 (Papan) *San Mateo County E-bike Pilot Program*	• Authorize a local authority within the County of San Mateo, or the County of San Mateo in unincorporated areas, to adopt an ordinance or resolution that would prohibit a person under 12 years of age from operating a class 1 or 2 electric bicycle. • If an ordinance is enacted, a report on its enforcement and outcomes must be submitted to the Legislature by January 1, 2030, and a public information campaign must occur for 30 days before the ordinance takes effect.	✓

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SB 956 (Choi) *Local Regulation of E-bikes*	• Authorize a city, county, or city and county to adopt and enforce local ordinances regulating the operation, registration, speed limits, and equipment requirements for electric bicycles including imposing, speed limits, age requirements, and equipment standards, including, but not limited to, helmet and safety equipment requirements for electric bicycles. • Authorize a local authority to allow a person under 16 years of age to operate a class 3 electric bicycle, as specified. • Exempt a person riding an electric bicycle from the laws pertaining to the operation of a bicycle if the exemption is from a local ordinance.	
SB 1167 (Blakespear) *Differentiating E-bikes from E-motos*	• Prohibit motor-driven cycles and mopeds from being advertised, sold, offered for sale, or labeled as electric bicycles. • Make a violation of this provision a misleading statement for purposes of false advertising provisions of the Business and Professions Code.	