

MEMORANDUM

TO: All House Members and Legislative Assistants

FROM: Representative Adam Ravenstahl

DATE: February 7, 2012

SUBJECT: Legislation Establishing Operating Rules for a Motorized Bicycle

In the near future, I intend to introduce legislation that addresses the problems e-bike users are facing due to police handing out tickets for not having a license plate on their bicycle. Under current Pennsylvania state law, users cannot obtain a license plate for his/her bicycle, because the bicycle does not have a VIN number.

My legislation would amend Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to define a bicycle under section 102 (Definitions) and establish section 3591 (Operating a motorized bicycle) under Chapter 35 (Special Vehicles and Pedestrians), outlining the special rules for bicycles.

It is important to address the problems e-bike users are having. My proposal mirrors that of Florida's current law, which defines a bicycle in their Uniform Traffic Control Law as any vehicle propelled solely by human power, and every motorized bicycle propelled by a combination of human power and an electric helper motor.

Should you wish to co-sponsor this legislation, please e-mail Dina White at dwhite@pahouse.net.