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HOUSE BILL 1277

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1   AN ACT Relating to modifying the meaning of bicycles; and
2 amending RCW 46.04.071 and 46.04.169.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4   **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.04.071 and 2018 c 60 s 2 are each amended to read
5 as follows:
6   "Bicycle" means every device propelled solely by human power, or
7 an electric-assisted bicycle as defined in RCW 46.04.169, upon which
8 a person or persons may ride, having two tandem wheels either of
9 which is sixteen inches or more in diameter, or three wheels, any one
10 of which is ((more than)) twenty inches or more in diameter.

11   **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.04.169 and 2018 c 60 s 1 are each amended to read
12 as follows:
13   "Electric-assisted bicycle" means a bicycle with two or three
14 wheels, a saddle, fully operative pedals for human propulsion, and an
15 electric motor. ((The electric-assisted bicycle's electric motor must
16 have a power output of no more than seven hundred fifty watts.)) The
17 electric-assisted bicycle must meet the requirements of one of the
18 following three classifications:
19   (1) "Class 1 electric-assisted bicycle" means an electric-
20 assisted bicycle in which the motor provides assistance only when the

1 rider is pedaling and ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle
2 reaches the speed of twenty miles per hour;
3   (2) "Class 2 electric-assisted bicycle" means an electric-
4 assisted bicycle in which the motor may be used exclusively to propel
5 the bicycle and is not capable of providing assistance when the
6 bicycle reaches the speed of twenty miles per hour; or
7   (3) "Class 3 electric-assisted bicycle" means an electric-
8 assisted bicycle in which the motor provides assistance only when the
9 rider is pedaling and ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle
10 reaches the speed of twenty-eight miles per hour and is equipped with
11 a speedometer.

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