

An Act relative to electric bicycle rebates

H.3262

Representative Natalie Blais

E-bike rebates would increase access to electric bikes



This bill would establish a rebate for electric bicycle purchases. Electric bicycles remove barriers to bicycling for bicyclists of all types, but currently cost can be make them inaccessible to many who would benefit.

Included in this bill:

- » Establishes rebates of up to \$500 for electric bicycle purchases (and up to \$750 for low- and moderate-income consumers), not more than 40% of the retail price of the purchase
- » Directs the Department of Energy Resources (DOER) to include electric bicycles in their electric vehicle rebate program
- » Directs an evaluation for whether the rebate takes place at point-of-sale through retailers

- » **Incentivizes Equitable Adoption of Green Technology.** Tiered rebates of up to \$750 for low and moderate income consumers and eligibility of used-bike sales for rebates, promotes equitable access.
- » **Fills the First/Last Mile Transportation Gap.** Filling the first/last mile gap provides an affordable and easy option in lieu of short car trips or longer commuting trips. Marginalized, low-income communities are often displaced from urban cores, e-bikes will allow them to more easily bike further distances and make longer commutes by bike.
- » **Reduces carbon emissions** – Encourages substitution of short/medium car trips with carbon-free e-bike trips.
- » **Reduces Local Traffic Congestion.** Provides a low-cost, non-infrastructure response to reducing growing traffic congestion in the commonwealth.



With an e-bike, more bicyclists can ride more often, ride farther, and ride for everyday trips.

Electric bicycles are designed to be as safe as traditional bicycles, and they remove barriers to riding in ways that benefit bicyclists of all types, for commuting longer distances and over hills, enjoying outdoor recreation, improving physical fitness, facilitating healthy aging with older adults, and helping parents take their kids to school.



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