
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTRIC FOOT SCOOTERS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Section 249-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended as follows:

3 1. By adding a new definition to be appropriately inserted
4 and to read:

5 "Electric foot scooter" means a device weighing less than
6 one hundred pounds, with two or three wheels, handlebars, and a
7 floorboard that can be stood upon while riding, which is solely
8 powered by an electric motor or human power, and whose maximum
9 speed, with or without human propulsion on a paved level
10 surface, is no more than twenty miles per hour. An electric
11 foot scooter shall not be considered a moped, motor vehicle,
12 rental motor vehicle, or vehicle."

13 2. By amending the definition of "bicycle" to read:

14 "Bicycle" means every device propelled solely by human
15 power upon which any person may ride, having two tandem wheels
16 sixteen inches in diameter or greater, and including any device
17 generally recognized as a bicycle though equipped with two front



1 or two rear wheels[-]; provided that the term shall include an
2 electric foot scooter."

3 SECTION 2. Section 286-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended as follows:

5 1. By adding a new definition to be appropriately inserted
6 and to read:

7 "Electric foot scooter" means a device weighing less than
8 one hundred pounds, with two or three wheels, handlebars, and a
9 floorboard that can be stood upon while riding, which is solely
10 powered by an electric motor or human power, and whose maximum
11 speed, with or without human propulsion on a paved level
12 surface, is no more than twenty miles per hour. An electric
13 foot scooter shall not be considered a moped, motor vehicle,
14 rental motor vehicle, or vehicle."

15 2. By amending the definition of "bicycle" to read:

16 "Bicycle" means every device propelled solely by human
17 power upon which any person may ride, having two tandem wheels
18 sixteen inches in diameter or greater, and including any device
19 generally recognized as a bicycle though equipped with two front
20 or two rear wheels[-]; provided that the term shall include an
21 electric foot scooter."



1 SECTION 3. Section 291-31.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

3 "(a) No person shall knowingly operate, affix or cause to
4 be affixed, display, or possess any lamp, reflector, or
5 illumination device that appears to be the color blue, or colors
6 blue and red, upon any motor vehicle, motorcycle, motor scooter,
7 bicycle, electric foot scooter, or moped except for:

8 (1) County law enforcement vehicles authorized and
9 approved by the chief of police of the county in which
10 the vehicle is operated;

11 (2) Department of public safety law enforcement vehicles
12 with blue and red lamps, reflectors, or illumination
13 devices authorized and approved by the director of
14 public safety;

15 (3) Department of land and natural resources division of
16 conservation and resources enforcement vehicles with
17 blue and red lamps, reflectors, or illumination
18 devices authorized and approved by the chairperson of
19 the board of land and natural resources; or

20 (4) Department of transportation division of harbors law
21 enforcement vehicles with blue and red lamps,



1 reflectors, or illumination devices authorized and
2 approved by the director of transportation.

3 This prohibition shall not apply to factory-installed instrument
4 illumination."

5 SECTION 4. Section 291C-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
6 amended as follows:

7 1. By adding a new definition to be appropriately inserted
8 and to read:

9 "Electric foot scooter" means a device weighing less than
10 one hundred pounds, with two or three wheels, handlebars, and a
11 floorboard that can be stood upon while riding, which is solely
12 powered by an electric motor or human power, and whose maximum
13 speed, with or without human propulsion on a paved level
14 surface, is no more than twenty miles per hour. An electric
15 foot scooter shall not be considered a moped, motor vehicle,
16 rental motor vehicle, or vehicle."

17 2. By amending the definition of "bicycle" to read:

18 "Bicycle" means every vehicle propelled solely by human
19 power upon which any person may ride, having two tandem wheels,
20 and including any vehicle generally recognized as a bicycle
21 though equipped with two front or two rear wheels except a toy



1 bicycle[-]; provided that the term shall include an electric
2 foot scooter."

3 SECTION 5. Section 291C-114, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 "~~+~~§291C-114~~+~~ **Parking on sidewalks.** (a) The director
6 of transportation is authorized to and the counties by ordinance
7 may with respect to highways under their respective
8 jurisdictions prohibit or restrict the stopping, standing, or
9 parking of vehicles on sidewalks.

10 (b) An electric foot scooter may be parked on a sidewalk
11 in a manner not impeding the normal or reasonable movement of
12 pedestrians or other traffic."

13 SECTION 6. Section 707-700, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
14 amended by amending the definition of "vulnerable user" to read
15 as follows:

16 "Vulnerable user" means:

- 17 (1) A pedestrian legally within a street or public
- 18 highway;
- 19 (2) A roadway worker actually engaged in work upon a
- 20 street or public highway or in work upon utility
- 21 facilities along a street or public highway, or



1 engaged in the provision of emergency services within
2 a street or public highway, including but not limited
3 to:

- 4 (a) Construction and maintenance workers; and
- 5 (b) Police, fire, and other emergency responders; or
- 6 (3) A person legally operating any of the following within
7 the street or public highway:

- 8 (a) A bicycle[+] or an electric foot scooter;
- 9 (b) A moped;
- 10 (c) An electric personal assistive mobility device;
- 11 [~~or~~]
- 12 (d) A wheelchair conveyance or other personal
13 mobility device."

14 SECTION 7. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
15 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

16 SECTION 8. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Electric Foot Scooters; Regulation

Description:

Subjects electric foot scooters to certain bicycle laws. Allows electric foot scooters to be parked on sidewalks; provided they do not impede traffic. Applies blue light prohibition to electric foot scooters. Applies "vulnerable user" definition to electric foot scooters.

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