


2026 E-Bike Legislation

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AB 1557 (Papan) <i>E-Bike Motor Limits</i> Amended 3/16/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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) <i>Youth E-bike Safety and Training Program</i> Amended 4/13/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would require, on or before March 1, 2028, the State Department of Education, in consultation with the Department of the California Highway Patrol, to develop a standardized electric bicycle safety and training program for students in grades 7 to 12. • Authorize the State Department of Education and the Department of the California Highway Patrol to collaborate with local law enforcement agencies or local governments that have implemented electric bicycle training programs already to ensure the program reflects proven best practices. • Encourage local educational agencies and parent organizations to offer training demonstrations to students and parents on e-bike operations in collaboration with local law enforcement agencies or local governments 	

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<p>AB 1942 (Bauer-Kahan)</p> <p><i>E-Bike License & Registration</i></p> <p>Introduced 2/13/26</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	<p>✓</p>
<p>AB 2284 (Dixon)</p> <p><i>Labeling & Advertising</i></p> <p>Amended 4/6/26</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Require the Attorney General’s office 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. 	
<p>AB 2346 (Wilson)</p> <p><i>Speedometers, Lights, Labeling & Speed Limits</i></p> <p>Amended 3/26/26</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • 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 10 MPH on a sidewalk 	<p>✓</p>

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<p>AB 2595 (Papan)</p> <p><i>San Mateo County E-bike Pilot Program</i></p> <p>Introduced 2/20/26</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	<p style="text-align: center;">✓</p>
<p>SB 956 (Choi)</p> <p><i>Local Regulation of E-bikes</i></p> <p>Amended 4/6/26</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The bill would, until January 1, 2032, authorize the County of Orange to establish a pilot program to require the display of a special license plate on electric bicycles. • Authorize the county to adopt ordinances or resolutions to implement the pilot program and would make a person operating an electric bicycle in violation of this requirement guilty of an infraction punishable by specified fines and mandatory attendance of the Department of the California Highway Patrol-approved electric bicycle training course. 	

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SB 1167 (Blakespear) <i>Differentiating E-bikes from E-motos</i> Amended 4/9/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.	