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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate Comm: RCS 02/05/2020 House

The Committee on Infrastructure and Security (Brandes) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 176 - 184

and insert:

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Section 6. Paragraph (a) of subsection (7) of section 316.008, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

316.008 Powers of local authorities.-

(7) (a) A county or municipality may enact an ordinance to permit, control, or regulate the operation of vehicles, golf carts, mopeds, motorized scooters, <u>electric bicycles</u>, and

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11	electric personal assistive mobility devices on sidewalks or
12	sidewalk areas when such use is permissible under federal law.
13	The ordinance must restrict such vehicles or devices to a
14	maximum speed of 15 miles per hour in such areas.
15	Section 7. Section 316.20655, Florida Statutes, is created
16	to read:
17	316.20655 Electric bicycle regulations
18	(1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, an
19	electric bicycle or an operator of an electric bicycle shall be
20	afforded all the rights and privileges, and be subject to all of
21	the duties, of a bicycle or the operator of a bicycle, including
22	those identified in s. 316.2065. An electric bicycle is a
23	vehicle to the same extent as a bicycle. However, this section
24	may not be construed to prevent a local government, through the
25	exercise of its powers under s. 316.008, from adopting an
26	ordinance governing the operation of electric bicycles on
27	streets, highways, sidewalks, and sidewalk areas that are under
28	the local government's jurisdiction.
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31	And the title is amended as follows:
32	Delete lines 14 - 19
33	and insert:
34	sidewalks and bicycle paths; amending s. 316.008,
35	F.S.; authorizing a county or municipality to enact an
36	ordinance regulating the operation of electric
37	bicycles on sidewalks or sidewalk areas when such use
38	is permissible under federal law; restricting the
39	speed of electric bicycles in such areas; creating s.
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40	316.20655, F.S.; providing electric bicycle
41	regulations; providing for rights and privileges of
42	electric bicycles and operators of electric bicycles;
43	providing that electric bicycles are vehicles to the
44	same extent as bicycles; providing construction;
45	providing that electric bicycles and