

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to bicycle operation regulations;  
3           amending s. 316.2065, F.S.; providing an exception to  
4           the requirement that a person operating a bicycle ride  
5           upon or astride a seat attached thereto; amending s.  
6           316.20655, F.S.; revising construction relating to  
7           electric bicycle regulations; providing an effective  
8           date.

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10   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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12           Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 316.2065, Florida  
13   Statutes, is amended to read:

14           316.2065   Bicycle regulations.—

15           (2) A person operating a bicycle may not ride other than  
16   upon or astride a permanent and regular seat attached thereto  
17   unless the bicycle was designed by the manufacturer to be ridden  
18   without a seat.

19           Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 316.20655, Florida  
20   Statutes, is amended to read:

21           316.20655   Electric bicycle regulations.—

22           (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, an  
23   electric bicycle or an operator of an electric bicycle shall be  
24   afforded all the rights and privileges, and be subject to all of  
25   the duties, of a bicycle or the operator of a bicycle, including

26 | s. 316.2065. An electric bicycle is a vehicle to the same extent  
27 | as a bicycle. However, this section may not be construed to  
28 | prevent a local government, through the exercise of its powers  
29 | under s. 316.008, from adopting an ordinance governing the  
30 | operation of electric bicycles on streets, highways, sidewalks,  
31 | and sidewalk areas under the local government's jurisdiction; ~~or~~  
32 | to prevent a municipality, county, or agency of the state having  
33 | jurisdiction over a bicycle path, multiuse path, or trail  
34 | network from restricting or prohibiting the operation of an  
35 | electric bicycle on a bicycle path, multiuse path, or trail  
36 | network; or to prevent a municipality, county, or agency of the  
37 | state having jurisdiction over a beach as defined in s.  
38 | 161.54(3) or a dune as defined in s. 161.54(4) from restricting  
39 | or prohibiting the operation of an electric bicycle on such  
40 | beach or dune.

41 | Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.