

# New Jersey Police Traffic Officers' Association



## IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR E-BIKE RIDERS IN NEW JERSEY

*New State Safety Law Now in Effect*

### WHY THIS LAW WAS PASSED

New Jersey updated its e-bike laws to:

- Reduce crashes involving electric bicycles
- Prevent serious injuries and fatalities
- Address unsafe high-speed and modified e-bikes
- Protect riders, pedestrians, and drivers
- Improve accountability and roadway safety

Law enforcement supports this law because its goal is safety — not punishment.

### WHAT COUNTS AS AN E-BIKE?

Low-Speed Electric Bicycle

- Two wheels
- Fully operable pedals
- Motor works only while pedaling
- Motor cuts off at 20 mph

Some higher-speed or throttle-based e-bikes are now legally classified as:

- Motorized bicycles
- Motorcycles

### NEW REQUIREMENTS

If you operate a low-speed electric bicycle, you must:

- ✓ Register your e-bike with MVC
- ✓ Have a valid license or permit
- ✓ Carry insurance
- ✓ Be at least 15 years old

### SIX-MONTH COMPLIANCE PERIOD

Riders have six months after the effective date to obtain:

- Registration
- Licensing
- Insurance

Police will focus on education and compliance during this period.

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## AGE & LICENSE RULES

- Under 15: not permitted to operate
- Ages 15–16: permit required
- Age 17+: driver's license or motorized bicycle license

## SHARED E-BIKE RENTALS

- Riders 16+ may operate without a license
- Only applies to government-contracted shared systems

## MODIFICATIONS ARE ILLEGAL

🚫 You may not:

- Increase speed or motor power
- Install or sell conversion kits

## CRASHES MUST BE REPORTED

Any crash involving an e-bike must be reported and investigated like other crashes.

## OUR GOAL

Police are enforcing this law to:

- Reduce crashes and injuries
- Improve rider safety
- Ensure compliance with the rules of the road
- Protect all roadway users

## WHAT RIDERS SHOULD DO NOW

- ✓ Identify your e-bike type
- ✓ Register and insure your e-bike
- ✓ Obtain the proper license or permit
- ✓ Do not modify your e-bike
- ✓ Use the six-month window to come into compliance

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