

New Jersey Police Traffic Officers' Association



NJ E-Bike Law — Patrol & Traffic Safety FAQ

Q1: Why was this law passed?

To reduce crashes and serious injuries involving e-bikes, address high-speed and modified devices, and improve accountability.

Q2: What is a low-speed electric bicycle?

A two-wheeled bike with pedals where the motor assists only while pedaling and cuts off at 20 mph.

Q3: Do low-speed e-bikes require registration and a license?

Yes. Operators must have registration, licensing, and insurance.

Q4: What is the minimum age?

- Under 15: prohibited
- Ages 15–16: permit required
- Age 17+: driver's license or motorized bicycle license

Q5: What is the six-month compliance period?

Riders have six months after the effective date to obtain registration, licensing, and insurance.

Q6: Are shared e-bikes treated differently?

Yes. Riders 16+ may operate without a license if rented from a government-contracted system.

Q7: What is a motorized bicycle?

Throttle-capable e-bikes or those capable of assisted speeds up to 28 mph.

Q8: What is an electric motorized bicycle?

A two-wheeled e-bike with pedals, over 750 watts, capable of speeds over 28 mph.

These are legally motorcycles.

Q9: Is modifying an e-bike illegal?

Yes. Increasing speed or power and selling conversion kits is illegal.

Q10: What is our enforcement posture?

During the six-month compliance window:

Education, warnings, and compliance assistance where appropriate.

Q11: Why are we enforcing this law?

To reduce crashes, prevent injuries, protect youth riders, and improve roadway safety.