



# SUPPORT

## **S. 2282 (O'Mara)/A. 7059 (Titone)**

### **Electric-Assisted Bicycles**

The New York League of Conservation Voters (NYLCV) supports S.2282 (O'Mara)/S. 7059 (Titone), which would clarify state law to ensure that electric-assisted bicycles are permitted on New York's streets.

Electric bikes (e-bikes) look and operate the same way as bicycles pedaled everyday by millions of Americans for recreational, transport, or commutation purposes but provide supplementary electric motor power for a bicyclist going up a hill or on long rides. Unlike the electric mopeds many New Yorkers are familiar with, e-bike supplementary power is only activated if the bicyclist is pedaling and the e-bike is traveling less than 20 miles per hour.

NYLCV strongly supports multiple forms of transportation so that New Yorkers are not confined just to cars. In our 2017 *New York State Policy Agenda*, we called for "redesign and reconstruction of arterial streets as complete streets to make communities more walkable and bikeable." In addition, we called for "multimodal transportation...connected regional bike lanes and trails, and community multi-use trails that promote bicycling, walking and safety." E-bikes add another environmentally friendly mode of transportation to take advantage of that infrastructure.

NYLCV therefore supports S. 2282/A. 7059 and urges its passage.

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