



# SUPPORT

## **A. 1018/S. 2888 (Gantt/Dilan)**

### **Electric-Assisted Bicycles**

The New York League of Conservation Voters supports A. 1018/S. 2888 (Gantt/Dilan), which would define the term electric assisted bicycle for the purposes of the applicability of the vehicle and traffic law.

Electric assisted bicycles are increasingly used as a form of transportation and recreation in New York State. These bicycles with electric motors encourage outdoor recreation and can improve public health by making bicycling more accessible to all New Yorkers. E-bikes do not presently fall under regulations for either bicycles or motorcycles, and the term can refer to more than one type of two-wheeled vehicle that has an electric motor.

A. 1018/S. 2888 defines the term electric assisted bicycle to clarify that the vehicles are fundamentally bicycles rather than motorcycles. The bill also requires electric assisted bicycles' motors to have a maximum speed of less than twenty miles per hour in order to protect the safety of both riders and pedestrians.

NYLCV therefore supports A. 1018/S. 2888 and urges its passage.

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