



SUPPORT

S. 6029-B (O'Mara)/A. 7791-B (Perry)

Electric-Assisted Bicycles

The New York League of Conservation Voters (NYLCV) supports S. 6029-B (O'Mara)/A. 7791-B (Perry), which would clarify state law to ensure that electric-assisted bicycles are permitted on New York's streets.

Pedal-assisted electric bikes (e-bikes) look and operate the same way as bicycles pedaled everyday by millions of Americans for recreational, transport, or commuting 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, pedal-assisted e-bike supplementary power is only activated if the bicyclist is pedaling and the e-bike is traveling less than 20 miles per hour.

Under current New York law it is unclear how electric bikes of any stripe should be regulated. S. 6029-B/A. 7791-B would enact clear rules for the use of pedal-assisted e-bikes and set safety standards that such bikes must comply with.

NYLCV strongly supports alternative modes of transportation to automobiles that are good for the environment and for health. We support the redesign and reconstruction of arterial streets as complete streets to make communities more walkable and bikeable as well as 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. 6029-B/A. 7791-B and urges its passage.

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