



A. 275/S. 314 (Carroll/Salazar)

An act to direct the New York State Research and Development Authorities (NYSERDA) to establish a Ride Clean Rebate Program.

The New York League of Conservation Voters supports A. 275/S.314 (Carroll/Salazar), which would direct the NYSERDA to create a Ride Clean Rebate Program to allow class one, class two, and class three bicycles with electric assists and electric scooters to be eligible for a 50% rebate up to \$1,100 USD in a Ride Clean Rebate.

E-bikes are a vital step toward a low-carbon future, providing a sustainable and accessible way for New Yorkers to travel across their communities. With bike electrification, people are able to efficiently commute longer distances and travel across communities or other nearby areas without the physical labor needed for non-electric bike travel. E-bikes also provide a reliable transportation option for lower-income individuals and people living in areas that lack sufficient ways to commute. This rebate would encourage more New Yorkers to purchase and utilize e-bikes for daily travel, removing congestion, traffic, and harmful emissions from our roads and air. Additionally, since the funding for the Drive Clean Rebate Program is allocated in the State budget and has not been fully paid out, this would also be an entrepreneurial motivation for the city's newly-emerging electric bicycle industry.

A. 275/S. 314 would direct the NYSERDA to create a Ride Clean Rebate Program in parallel with and using the same funding as the Drive Clean Rebate Program. For these reasons, the New York League of Conservation Voters strongly urges passage of A. 275/S. 314.

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