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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 906,  
L.D. 1073, Bill, "AN ACT to Regulate Motorized Bicycles."

Amend the Amendment by striking out all of the ~~Emergency~~  
preamble.

Further amend the Amendment by striking out all of section  
4 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 4. 29 MRSA §1, sub-§5B is enacted to read:

5-B. Motorized bicycle or tricycle. "Motorized bicycle or  
tricycle" means a bicycle or tricycle which may have pedals to  
permit muscular propulsion and a helper motor attached to the  
front wheel which is rated at no more than 1.5 brake horsepower,  
a cylinder capacity not exceeding 50 cubic centimeters and an  
automatic transmission.'

Further amend the Amendment by inserting after section 5  
the following:

'Sec. 6. 29 MRSA §1961, as last amended by PL 1977, c. 402,  
§5, is further amended to read:

§1961. Regulations

Every person ~~propelling~~ operating a bicycle ~~or a~~, moped, motorized  
motorized ~~bicycle or tricycle~~ shall ride ~~said~~ the ~~bicycle or~~, moped, motorized  
motorized ~~bicycle or tricycle~~ as far as practicable to the right side of the  
roadway at all times except when making a left turn. This paragraph  
shall not apply to municipalities which, by ordinance, and with  
the approval of the Department of Public Safety and the Department  
of Transportation, shall make other provisions for the location of  
bicycle ~~or~~, moped, motorized bicycle or tricycle motorized traffic.

A person ~~propelling~~ operating a bicycle ~~or~~, moped, motorized bicycle or tricycle shall not ride other than astride a regular and permanent seat attached thereto. No bicycle ~~or~~, moped, motorized bicycle or tricycle shall be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped.

No person riding upon any bicycle, moped, coaster, roller skates, sled ~~or~~, toy vehicle, motorized bicycle or tricycle shall attach the same or himself to any moving vehicle upon a way.

Every person riding a bicycle ~~or~~, moped, motorized bicycle or motorized tricycle upon a roadway shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle by this Title, except as to special regulations and except as to those provisions in this Title which by their nature can have no application.

A motorized bicycle or tricycle shall not be operated in excess of 20 miles an hour.

Further amend the Amendment by renumbering the sections to read consecutively.

Further amend the Amendment by striking out all of the emergency clause.

#### Statement of Fact

This amendment allows bicycles or tricycles with or without pedals to have a helper motor attached to the front wheel. It also requires the same safety standards as those placed on mopeds and bicycles and restricts the speed to 20 miles an hour.

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