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House of Representatives, February 23, 1999

An Act Regarding the Operation of a Motorized or Electric Bicycle on a Public Way.

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative STANWOOD of Southwest Harbor.
Cosponsored by Representative COLLINS of Wells.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

4 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §101, sub-§41**, as enacted by PL 1993, c.
683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

6 **41. Motorized bicycle or tricycle.** "Motorized bicycle or
8 tricycle" means a bicycle or tricycle that:

10 A. May have pedals to permit human propulsion; and

12 B. Has a motor attached to a wheel that is rated at no more
14 than 1.5 brake horsepower and has a cylinder capacity ~~not~~
~~exceeding 50 cubic centimeters;~~ and capable of propelling
the vehicle unassisted at a speed of 25 miles per hour or
less on a level road surface.

16 ~~G. Has an automatic transmission.~~

18 **Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §1254, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 1993, c.
20 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

22 **3. Motorized bicycle or tricycle operator.** A motorized
24 bicycle or tricycle may only be operated by a person who
26 possesses a valid license of any class, an instruction permit or
28 a license endorsed for a motorcycle, motor-driven cycle or
moped. The Secretary of State may not require the operator of a
motorized bicycle or tricycle to obtain a license endorsed for a
motorcycle, motor-driven cycle or moped.

30 **SUMMARY**

32 This bill clarifies that a motorized bicycle or tricycle may
34 be operated by a person with a valid license of any class. This
bill also amends the definition of motorized bicycle or tricycle.