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An Act To Clarify the Authority To Manage Electric Bicycle Access to Off-road Trails

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on March 18, 2021. Referred to the Committee on Transportation pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed.

DAREK M. GRANT Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.

1	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2 3	Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2063, sub-§14, ¶F, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 349, §7, is amended by amending subparagraph (3) to read:
4 5 6 7 8 9	(3) Notwithstanding subparagraphs (1) and (2), an A Class 1 or Class 2 electric bicycle may not be operated on a bicycle path or trail designated for nonmotorized traffic if significant portions of the bicycle path have a natural surface, including gravel, stones or wooden bridging, unless authorized by at the discretion of the municipality, local authority or governing body of a public agency that has jurisdiction over the bicycle path or trail.
10	SUMMARY
11 12 13	This bill clarifies that a municipality, local authority or governing body of a public agency has the discretion to permit the operation of Class 1 and Class 2 electronic bicycles on bicycle paths or trails designated for nonmotorized traffic.