

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 4301**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Paul F. Tucker and Joan B. Lovely***

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to the operation and regulation of electric bicycles in the city of Salem.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Paul F. Tucker</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>	<i>12/10/2021</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>	<i>12/10/2021</i>

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By Representative Tucker of Salem and Senator Lovely, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4301) of Paul F. Tucker and Joan B. Lovely (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the operation and regulation of electric bicycles in the city of Salem. Transportation. [Local Approval Received.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**

An Act relative to the operation and regulation of electric bicycles in the city of Salem.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           SECTION 1. As used in the following paragraph, the words, “electric bicycle” or “e-  
2 bike” shall mean a bicycle that is equipped with fully operable pedals, a saddle or seat for the  
3 rider, and an electric motor of 750 watts or less. An electric bicycle is not a motorized bicycle as  
4 defined under MGL, c. 90, §1.

5           Notwithstanding Chapter 90 of the General Laws or any other general law or special law,  
6 rule or regulation to the contrary, the city of Salem shall establish by traffic regulation, on public  
7 ways under the care and custody of the city of Salem, traffic safety regulations related to the use  
8 and operation of electric bicycles. Electric bicycles shall follow the same local ordinances and  
9 state law that pertain to the operation of a bicycle on the streets and sidewalks under the care and  
10 custody of the city of Salem. Any person sixteen (16) years of age or younger operating an  
11 electric bicycle on a public way, bicycle path, or on any other public right-of-way shall wear a

12 helmet that fits the rider's head and is secured by straps at all times while operating or riding  
13 upon an electric bicycle.

14 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.