

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3758**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Steven Owens*

*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 class 3 electric bicycles.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Steven Owens</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/17/2025</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/27/2025</i>
<i>Michelle L. Badger</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>6/30/2025</i>
<i>Hadley Luddy</i>	<i>4th Barnstable</i>	<i>7/30/2025</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>	<i>9/13/2025</i>

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By Representative Owens of Watertown, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3758) of Steven Owens and Bruce E. Tarr relative to class 3 electric bicycles. Transportation.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act relative to class 3 electric bicycles.

*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 of chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is  
2 hereby amended by inserting after the definition of “Class 2 electric bicycle” the following  
3 definition:-

4           "Class 3 – an electric bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when  
5 the rider is pedaling, and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of  
6 28 miles per hour;"

7           Section 1 of chapter 90, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting within  
8 the definition of “Department” the following definition:-

9           “Electric bicycle”, a bicycle or tricycle equipped with fully operable pedals and an  
10 electric motor of 750 watts or less that meets the requirements of a class 1 electric bicycle, class  
11 2 electric bicycle, or class 3 electric bicycle."

12 Chapter 85 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby  
13 amended by inserting in section 11B<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> the following:-

14 A municipality, local authority or state agency with jurisdiction over a natural surface  
15 trail designated for bicycle use made by clearing and grading the soil, after public notice and a  
16 public hearing may adopt ordinances or regulations prohibiting or otherwise regulating the  
17 operation of electric bicycles on such paths, including, but not limited to, the imposition of speed  
18 limits."

19 Chapter 85 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby  
20 amended by striking in section 11B<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> the following:-

21 "(d) An electric bicycle shall not be operated on a trail designated for nonmotorized  
22 traffic, that a municipality, local authority or state agency has jurisdiction over, if such trail has a  
23 natural surface tread made by clearing and grading the soil and no surfacing materials have been  
24 added; provided, however, that a municipality, local authority or state agency after public notice  
25 and a public hearing may adopt ordinances or regulations permitting or otherwise regulating the  
26 use of electric bicycles on such a trail within its jurisdiction, including, but not limited to, the  
27 imposition of speed limits."

28 Chapter 85 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby  
29 amended by striking in section 11B<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> (b) the following:- "that electric bicycles shall not be  
30 ridden or operated on sidewalks."