

NEW JERSEY E-BIKE LAW, Effective Date: January 19, 2026

New Jersey has enacted updated statewide regulations governing electric bicycles (e-bikes). The law establishes licensing, registration, and insurance requirements and clarifies rules for both riders and motorists. The goal is to create consistent standards, reduce crashes, and promote safer shared road use.

WHAT IS COVERED

E-Bike Classifications:

1. Class 1 & Class 2 – Maximum speed: 20 mph
2. Class 3 – Maximum speed: 28 mph; treated similarly to motorized bicycles

All e-bikes in New Jersey now require a licensed rider, state registration, and insurance coverage. These measures are intended to enhance safety, accountability, and responsible e-bike use on New Jersey roadways.

NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR RIDERS

Licensing Requirements:

- Possess a valid NJ driver's license, OR
- Be at least 15 years old and obtain a motorized bicycle license

Registration:

- All e-bikes must be registered with the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC).

Insurance:

- E-bike owners must carry liability insurance, similar to motor vehicles.

Minimum Age:

- Riders under 15 years old are not permitted to operate e-bikes with motor assistance.

LAW ENFORCEMENT GUIDANCE

Initial enforcement emphasis is expected to focus on education and compliance rather than strict penalties. N.J.S.A. 39:4-14.16 – 39:4-14.17, Violation Fine: \$50

- Focus on education first
- Encourage voluntary compliance
- Address unsafe behaviors such as dangerous or reckless riding and unlicensed or uninsured operation